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NO REVISION OF SALARIES.

GOVT. REPLY.

SCALES FOR JUNIOR OFFICIALS CONSIDERED ADEQUATE.

THE PROMOTION QUESTION.

The following official reply has been sent to the petition drafted by the subordinate staff of the local Government service:

Gentlemen—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your petition of August 7, 1928, and to inform you that the question of the revision of salaries of Subordinate Officers has already received the careful consideration of this Government.

2. Since the general revision of salaries in 1920 and 1921, the increased cost of living of locally domiciled officers has been recognised by the grant of rent allowances in 1924 to officers on the permanent staff with ten years' continuous service and upwards. These allowances range from \$8 a month for salaries of \$450 a year to \$25 a month for salaries of \$3,000 a year and over.

In addition some 42 flats were rented by Government and assigned to Government servants of the Asiatic staff at rentals equivalent to 6 per cent of the officers' salaries.

3. Towards the end of 1927 the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce were consulted and careful enquiries were instituted for the purpose of comparing the rates of pay and conditions of service of officers of the Clerical Service with those obtaining in local commercial houses, both Chinese and European, and of deciding whether the Government rates were adequate. As a result of these enquiries the Government is satisfied that taking into account the various factors of pension rights, medical attendance, housing and rent allowances, leave, etc., the conditions of Government service compare favourably with those obtaining elsewhere in the Colony; and the large number of applicants of high standard for Government posts strongly supports the view that the scales of salary are generally speaking adequate.

4. It is stated in paragraph 7 of the petition that advancement is slow and that promotion generally is governed by length of service rather than by merit. The rate of promotion has recently been increased by the adoption of a programme which provides for an annually increasing number of posts in the higher grades of service. In selecting officers for promotion to higher posts the attempt is made to give due weight both to length of service and to special ability, and so far as possible only those officers who are considered suitable for the responsibilities attaching to the higher posts. But it must be remembered that the accelerated promotion of officers of special ability may at times involve the passing over for promotion of officers with long and faithful service and the task of selection therefore is a difficult one.

No Exchange Factor.
5. The scheme of exchange allowances for officers on sterling rates of pay is a temporary expedient pending the appointment of a Salaries' Commission and is designed particularly to meet the extra cost of living of officers in the Colony resulting from the fall in the exchange value of the dollar since the fixing of the sterling salaries. This factor of exchange is one which does not operate to the same extent against local Subordinate officers paid on a dollar basis.

6. It is intended, however, that the Commission, whose appointment has been recommended to the Secretary of State, shall have the opportunity of considering salaries scales throughout the service. Pending the appointment and report of such Commission, the Government, though at all times willing to consider any individual case where hardship may be deemed to exist, is not prepared to undertake any general revision of the existing scales.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
E. R. Hallifax,
Colonial Secretary.

AN "ALL PARTIES" CONFERENCE.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

DISCUSSING THE NEHRU REPORT.

MRS. BESANT'S VIEWS.

Lucknow, Yesterday.
Some Moslem objections to the Nehru report were voiced at a meeting of Moslems prior to the All-Parties Conference, at which the report will be discussed.

Lasrat Mohani declared the report to be contrary to the mandate of the All-Parties Conference, which charged the Commission to evolve a Constitution of Responsible Government not of Dominion Status.

Several speakers stressed the need of a one-third Moslem representation in the Central Government, Central Legislature and of local bodies, besides the reservation of Moslem majority of rights in Bengal and the Punjab, but Sir Ali Iman urged Moslems not to ask for the reservation of a majority of rights which, he said, would only give them a false sense of security and deprive them of the right to contest more seats.

Mrs. Besant suggested a graded franchise instead of adult franchise and said the British Labour Party would undertake to pilot a Bill on the lines of the Nehru report if the conference approved of the latter.

"In Camera."

The Executive Committee of the Hindu Mahasabha met in camera and decided to support the Nehru Report generally, provided if the "vicious principle" of reservation in legislative seats on a communal basis be adopted by the Conference. It should uniformly be applied to all minorities. This is intended to meet the Moslem demand for a reservation of seats for Moslem majorities in the Punjab and Bengal for the next ten years.

"Bande Materam."

The All-Parties Conference adopted the resolution of a motion by Lalalaj Patrai, the leader of the Nationalist Party, appreciating the Nehru Report and offering it general support. The only dissentient was Man-lama Hasrat Mohani.

The result was received with shouts of "Bande materam."—Reuter.

DENGUE FEVER.

ALMOST ENTIRE POPULATION OF ATHENS AFFECTED.

Geneva, Yesterday.
After an exchange of telegrams with the Public Health Authorities in Greece in regard to the outbreak of dengue fever in the Athens district, Dr. M. D. Mackenzie, of the League of Nations' health section, has been placed at the disposal of the Greek Government and is going to Athens to-night.

The Greek health service has reported that almost the entire population of Athens and the Piræus is affected by the disease.—Reuter.

UNEMPLOYED.

LATEST RETURNS IN ENGLAND SHOW DECLINE.

London, Yesterday.
For the first time for some weeks unemployment returns show a decline. On August 20 the total number of unemployed was 1,308,200. This was 5,959 less than the week before but 263,845 more than the year before.—British Wireless Service.

A "SENSATION."

HEIFETZ MARRIES FLORENCE VIDOR.

New York, Yesterday.
The famous violinist Jascha Heifetz has caused a sensation by announcing that he married the film star Florence Vidor last week. They are spending the honeymoon in California.—Reuter's American Service.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0-1/16.

WEST INDIES BEAT KENT.

BY 201 RUNS.

CRICKET VISITORS SPRING SURPRISE ON HOP COUNTY.

FIRST INNINGS' WINS.

The surprise in the County Cricket programme completed yesterday was furnished by the West Indies visitors, who defeated Kent by 201 runs. The tourists compiled 282 and 216, which Kent replied with 227 and 170. It is not known, of course, what kind of a team the Hop County put in the field for a match which had no county championship significance; it may have been quite a weak one. In the visitors' second innings "Tich" Freeman took nine wickets at a cost of 104 runs.

All the other matches were decided on first innings. London, Yesterday.

Yorkshire beat Sussex on first innings.

Yorks 429 for 4 dec. (Sutcliffe 228).

Sussex 131 and 490 (Duleep-sinhji 160).

Larwood's Trundling.—Nottinghamshire beat Derbyshire on first innings.

Notts 192 and 154 for 6. Derby 129 (Larwood 5 for 26).

Lancs. beat Wales. Lancashire beat Wales by 80 runs.

Lancs. 200 (Hallows 114) and 97 for 3 declared.

Wales 86 (Hopwood 6 for 20) and 131.

Points for Essex. Essex beat Leicestershire on first innings.

Essex 340 (O'Connor 123). Leicestershire 256 (Dawson 126 not out).

Warwick and Worcester. Warwickshire beat Worcestershire on first innings.

Warwick 205 and 86 for 7. Worcester 332 for 3 dec. (Fiddian Green 93, Wyatt 92).

Hobbs Top Scorer. Surrey beat Middlesex on first innings.

Surrey 352 and 245 for 3 (Hobbs 75).

Middlesex 325.

Parker Bowls Well. Gloucestershire beat Somersetshire on first innings.

Gloucester 281 for 7 declared. Somerset 95 (Parker 7 for 47).

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West Indies 282 (Brownie 103) and 216 (Freeman 9 for 104). Kent 227 and 170.—Reuter.

S. L. "STANLEY."

\$90 WORTH OF BLANKETS STOLEN.

A "BOY'S" LAPSE.

Said to have been employed on board the s.s. "Stanley" as a "boy" for only 3 months, a Chinese youth appeared before Mr. Schofield, at the Kowloon Court to-day, in answer to a charge of the theft of 9 blankets from the above mentioned launch.

The value of the blankets was stated to be \$90, and defendant pleaded the lot for \$20.

Defendant, who pleaded "guilty," was sentenced to 2 months' hard labour.

THEFT OF SACKS.

CHINESE POLICE ALERT IN THE EARLY HOURS.

Early this morning, a Chinese was seen sorting out a number of sacks in a lane near No. 562 Nathan road, and when questioned by a Chinese detective how he came to possess the sacks, he failed to give an adequate reply. He was taken to the police station.

Later he appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Court and pleaded guilty to a charge of theft.

According to Sub-Inspector Marks the sacks were stolen from a piece of vacant land at the junction of Pitt-street and Nathan road, where the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Company are engaged in erecting the new Telephone Exchange building.

Thirteen sacks in all had been stolen. The man, according to police records, had already served 21 days' imprisonment six years ago. Defendant was sentenced for a month with hard labour.

A POLICEMAN WHO RAN AWAY!

CHINESE VERSION.

TAIPO MAN'S CLAIM FOR WRONGFUL ARREST.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

In the Summary Court this morning, Mr. Justice Jack continued hearing of the case in which a Taiipo Chinese named Li Wook-hing is claiming \$1,000 as damages for wrongful arrest from Cheung Kang and Cheung Tai-kwai, partners of the Woo Sing Hee firm of Taiipo, and Li Sing, a Chinese detective of the Taiipo Police Station.

Mr. A. el Arculli appeared for the plaintiff, whilst Cheung Kang and Cheung Tai-kwai were represented by Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones.

The plaintiff's case was that he was arrested by the three defendants outside the Wing Yee Fung boarding house in Hong Kong, and whilst the detective held him, the two Cheungs assaulted him until he became "giddy."

Plaintiff also caused some amusement when he claimed that the European Police Inspector in charge of Taiipo Police Station at the time of his arrest had since run away. This officer turned out to be Sub-Inspector Watt who recently went home on retiring from the Police Force.

DEFENCE OPENS.

Mr. Arculli having closed the plaintiff's case at the previous hearing, the case for the defence.

MANCHURIA TO JOIN NATIONALISTS.

Held by Japanese Threat.

Shanghai, To-day.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek was discharged from the Country Hospital on Monday and will remain in Shanghai a week before going to Nanjing.

General Shing Shih-lin, a delegate of Chang Hsueh-liang, called on Marshal Chiang and was later entertained by the local Chinese pressman at a dinner.

Chang was in sympathy with Kuomintang principles. He was unable to join the Nationalists owing to a threat by the Japanese, but Manchuria would soon devise measures for carrying out the intention of joining the Nationalists.—Reuter.

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The party which came to Hong Kong from Taiipo comprised the witness, his partner, Cheung Kang, and the detective Li Sing. They did not find the plaintiff at the boarding house, but as the result of information they received from an acquaintance named Pang Fat whom they met at the boarding house, the party decided to wait there for the plaintiff.

At about 12.30 p.m., witness' partner who was outside the boarding house called out "Here comes Lee Wook-hing." Plaintiff then entered the boarding house accompanied by Cheung Kang. He was not held by Cheung Kang, and entered the boarding house willingly.

AGREED TO GO BACK.

The detective then told plaintiff that the Inspector at Taiipo wanted him to go back to settle Cheung Tai-kwai's (witness') debt, and plaintiff agreed to go back to Taiipo.

By Mr. Hugh Jones: The plaintiff's statement that the witness and his partner struck plaintiff whilst the detective held him was not true.

As an indication of the friendly spirit in which every thing was arranged, the witness told the Court that the whole party went to an eating house where they hadiffin and drank tea before returning to Taiipo.

RETURNED TO SHOP.

At Taiipo, the witness and the detective accompanied plaintiff to the Police Station, whilst witness' partner returned to the shop. Interviewed by the Inspector in the Police Station, plaintiff admitted his debt to witness and said that he had no money to pay and no one to guarantee him.

The Inspector then told witness to return to his shop, and he did so. When he left the Police Station, the plaintiff was with the Inspector.

By Mr. Hugh Jones: The witness did not at any time either before coming to Hong Kong or after going back to Taiipo ask the Inspector to imprison the plaintiff. Any thing that was done to the plaintiff was done at the initiative of the Inspector, who had since gone home.

Witness never laid any charge against the plaintiff.

Judgment was reserved.

THE ROYAL TOUR OF EAST AFRICA.

NEXT WEEK.

NO DEFINITE ITINERARY TO BE FOLLOWED.

HOME NEXT JANUARY.

London, Yesterday.
The Prince of Wales, who will be accompanied by his brother, the Duke of Gloucester, will leave London for his tour of East Africa on September 6.

It is understood that no definite itinerary will be followed, but their Royal Highnesses will go out by way of Egypt.

After the journey through East Africa they will proceed through Northern Rhodesia and thence southward to Capetown, from which port they will sail for home.

It is anticipated that the royal travellers will be back in London early next January.—British Wireless Service.

PAI KAU?

25 MEN AND WOMEN INVOLVED.

ALL DISCHARGED.

A gambling case was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, involving 25 men and women.

Mr. E. O. C. Marton, who appeared for all the defendants, denied the charge for the first and second defendants, who were also charged with keeping a gambling house. He denied the charge of gambling on behalf of all the defendants.

According to the defence, the defendants were only playing tin kau dominoes and not pai kau as stated by the prosecution.

The Magistrate found that the evidence given by the Chinese constable was contradictory and ordered the defendants to be discharged. Bail of \$3 of one of the defendants, who failed to appear in Court, was estreated.

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FORD CAR AND THE BRITISH MARKET.

NEW MACHINERY.

BEING TRANSFERRED FROM CORK TO MANCHESTER.

IMPORT DUTY PROBLEM.

London, Yesterday.
It is announced by the Cork Rotary Club that the Henry Ford Co. is transferring the bulk of its newly erected machinery to Manchester because the Company is unable to arrange a satisfactory solution of the import duty difficulty, which precluded the Ford car competing in the British market.—Reuter.

A BUGATTI.

CHINESE LADY ASKS FOR ITS RETURN.

COURT CASE.

In the Supreme Court this morning, the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, heard a claim for the return of a Bugatti motor car valued at \$8,000, or payment of a sum equal to its value.

She Lai-sze, married woman of No. 148, Kowloon Tong was the plaintiff in the case, whilst the defendant was Mr. G. Jorio, motor mechanic of Nos. 67a and 67b, Des Vœux-road Central, first floor.

The plaintiff's case was conducted by Mr. Leo d'Almada, jun. (instructed by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios). Defendant was neither in Court nor legally represented.

The case was accordingly heard ex parte.

She Lai-sze, in her statement of claim, stated that on March 17, this year, she purchased from Mr. Lam Tak-ming, 65, Wong-nai-chong-road, Happy Valley, a Bugatti motor car. It was brought from Canton to Hong Kong on or about June 13 and had since been in possession of the defendant at Marble Hall, Kowloon.

On June 23, plaintiff's husband, She Shiu-choy, 20, Des Vœux-road Central, called on the defendant at the Kowloon Hotel and tendered payment for storage charges and requested delivery of the car. The defendant refused to deliver it and had persisted in his refusal.

Repayment of Loan.

Counsel explained that the plaintiff was a sister-in-law of Mr. Lam Tak-ming to whom, in February, she lent \$10,000. On being asked for payment Mr. Lam repaid \$2,000 and for the balance handed over a Bugatti motor car, in return for which she gave him back the promissory note and made out a receipt for the purchase of the car.

From April 11 until April 22 the plaintiff was in possession of the car, which was kept in Kowloon Tong garage but she did not use it. It was then sent to Canton with a view to a sale by Mr. Lam. Apparently Mr. Lam was unable to sell it and it then went into the possession of Mr. Borandi Cezer, of Canton, who held it for some time, after which he sent it to Hong Kong and placed it in the care of the defendant who kept it at Marble Hall, Kowloon.

When the plaintiff's husband called on defendant and asked for the car to be delivered the defendant stated that he could not deliver it until he had the authority of Mr. Borandi Cezer, to whom it appeared that Mr. Lam Tak-ming owed \$1,000.

Counsel concluded that a date was fixed for delivery, this being June 23 last, when the plaintiff's husband turned up at the appointed hour and tendered storage charges. He was then told by the defendant that he could not deliver the car because Mr. Cezer had told him to hold it because of the \$1,000 owing by Mr. Lam Tak-ming.

After proof of service of the writ had been given his Lordship pointed out that it would be necessary to prove service of the statement of claim and notice of trial.

Mr. d'Almada applied for an adjournment for this to be done and an adjournment was accordingly granted.

NO MORE "SECRET" SOCCER.

LOCAL PROBLEM.

PRESS TO ATTEND H.K.F.A. COUNCIL MEETINGS.

A NEW DECISION.

The Press are to be invited to attend the Council meetings of the Hong Kong Football Association.

This decision was unanimously arrived at at a meeting of the Association held last night at Lane, Crawford's, Mr. Robert Hall (Kowloon) in the chair.

Matters of importance in connection with the forthcoming season were discussed.

It is understood that Council meetings will be held once a month.

On Monday last the "China Mail" reproduced the following article from the previous day's "Sunday Herald":—

"SECRET" SOCCER.

THE LEAGUE AND THEIR AGENDA.

[By "Rover."]

On Sunday last, I gave the agenda of the Hong Kong Amateur Football League at their inaugural meeting, an action which, I understand, has been much resented by this body, and which at their meeting on Monday last was the subject of adverse criticism. Now as this agenda was in the possession of at least six representatives of League clubs, and these representatives had probably discussed the various points with their Club officials and representatives before going to the meeting, the resentment of certain members of the Hong Kong Football League at the announcement of the agenda is hard to understand.

"STAR CHAMBER"?

The business of the meeting has not yet been published, and this also appears strange, for surely "Star Chamber" method, in Hong Kong amateur football will not be welcome.

Although in possession of the agenda for the H.K.F.A. meeting on Tuesday next, I am asked not to publish same, although the agenda is of such a formal and, if I may say so, of such an innocuous nature; that I am frankly surprised at the limitations imposed.

SPIRIT OF A MOTION.

At the annual general meeting of the H.K.F.A. at which the officials for the forthcoming season were elected, and the accounts, etc., for last season were passed, it was particularly stressed that all meetings of the H.K.F.A. and sub-committees and associations should be freely reported and published in the local Press, so that all and sundry should see and know immediately all that is being done in the Hong Kong Football world. The Hong Kong Football League Council, in adversely criticising the publication of the agenda of their meeting, are not acting in accordance with the spirit of this motion, the prime mover of which was Captain A. W. Austin, M.C., M.M., R.A.

I am prepared to leave it at that. I have promised not to publish the agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the H.K.F.A. although this agenda is known to members of the playing clubs of the League (or should be if secretaries or representatives did their duty).

CONFIDENTIAL.

The rulings of the League Council are therefore confidential and the business discussed on Monday last will be published in due course. I am sorry readers will have to wait patiently for the decisions arrived at, but I cannot understand the meaning of this apparent secrecy, and it is my opinion that the business decided on Monday last, other than that which has to do with the sanction of the H.K.F.A., should before this have been published for general information.

ALL FINE.

N. E. or variable winds, moderate to light, fine, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

NEW ITALIAN AMBASSADOR ARRIVES IN JAPAN.—Photograph taken recently at Tokyo station on the arrival in Japan of H.E. Baron Pompeo Aloisi, new Italian Ambassador to Japan. Baron Aloisi is seen standing second from the left among a group of welcomers.

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↑ NAGATO MARU Tuesday, 23rd September.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles,
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BOKUYO MARU Saturday, 29th September.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
KAWACHI MARU Thursday, 6th September.
NEW YORK and BOSTON via PANAMA.
↑ TAKETOYO MARU Saturday, 9th September.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Geneva, Marseilles.
↑ LYONS MARU (Calls Glasgow) Thursday, 13th September.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
↑ AKITA MARU Thursday, 30th August.
↑ MURORAN MARU Sunday, 9th September.
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INDUS MARU Thursday, 20th September.
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MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
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CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
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Japan ports.
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MADRAS MARU Wednesday, 5th September.
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ARGON MARU Thursday, 20th September.
JAPAN PORTS
AMUR MARU Saturday, 1st September.
SANUKI MARU Friday, 14th September.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY Sunday, 2nd September at noon.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

BIRKENHEAD.

NEW LOCK OPENED BY BLUE FUNNEL LINER.

PORT'S EASTERN TRADE.

"In declaring this lock open, may I wish 'God-speed' to all ships that pass through it and to those who sail in those ships. May they, in their coming and going, bring to the country and the city and port from which they sail prosperity, and to those who own them and those who sail in them."—Lord Derby.

When the Blue Funnel liner "Sarpodon" outward bound from Birkenhead to China and Japan, with passengers and cargo, passed through the new 80 ft. river entrance lock of the Alfred Dock, Birkenhead recently, she opened a new chapter in the history of Birkenhead docks.

As foreshadowed by the speakers at the luncheon on board the liner prior to her departure, the utilisation of the new lock will bring added trade to the Birkenhead Docks.

It was when the vessel slowly steamed through the lock, to the accompaniment of the cheers of the thousands on the docksides, and severed the ribbons that Lord Derby megaphoned the message which appears above.

The improvement scheme has been carried out for the purpose of giving much-needed increased facilities for the use of the Birkenhead docks by the large vessels now engaged in trade with the Far East consequent upon the welcome development of trade with the Far East during the last decade or so.

The work has comprised the provision of a new 80 ft. lock which provides a depth of water of 40 ft. 4 in. at high water and ordinary spring tides, as compared with a depth of 36 ft. 7 in. in the case of the deepest previous entrance to the Birkenhead system of docks—namely, the 100 ft. Alfred Lock. The second part of the work embraced the closing of the old 50 ft. and 30 ft. passages between the Alfred Dock and the East Float and the provision of a new 80 ft. passage having a depth of 5 ft. below Bay Datum, the previous depth being 1 ft. above Bay Datum.

FULL LOADING CAPACITY.

The depth of the new lock ensures that all East-bound vessels from Birkenhead using the Suez Canal can be loaded to their full capacity before leaving Birkenhead. The Alfred is the veritable dock for the whole of the Birkenhead dock system. Hence, the importance of the improvements effected. The new 80 ft. lock is on the site of the old 50 ft. and 30 ft. locks, which were constructed as long ago as 1855. The scheme inaugurated recently was begun in February, 1923.

The equipment includes three pairs of steel gates, each weighing about 210 tons. The gates are operated by hydraulic machinery of the most modern and serviceable type, similar to that at the recently-completed Gladstone Docks, Liverpool. Gangways for pedestrians have been provided over two sets of gates. Special lifts and quins have been provided, so that in the event of the lock requiring to be dried for repairs, the working gates can be reversed.

ed and used as dams. Hydraulically-operated sluices are provided for controlling the discharge of water into the lock for levelling purposes, the influx being distributed over the whole length of the lock, in order to avoid disturbing ships waiting to be locked through.

The lighting is electric, and the equipment includes beacon lights 90 ft. high, which will remove all difficulties attendant on the use of the lock in the dark hours.

It is worthy of note that this enterprise is the fourth large dock development with which Mr. T. M. Newell, who recently retired from the position of engineer-in-chief of the Dock Board, has been associated during the last fifteen years. Three of these developments have been officially opened to traffic by the King and Queen, and the fourth one was inaugurated recently by the Earl of Derby.

MR. R. D. HOLT.

Mr. R. D. Holt (chairman of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board and principal of the Blue Funnel Line) presided over the luncheon proceedings, and among those present in addition to most of the members of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, the City Council, and the Birkenhead and Wallasey Mayors and Councils, were Sir Josiah Stamp (president of the L.M.S. Railway), Sir Aubrey Brookebank, Lord Colwyn, the Lord Mayor of Liverpool (Miss Margaret Beavan), Captain E. Nuttall, M.P., Sir Archibald Salvidge, Sir H. M. Grayson, Mr. W. Norman Vernon, Lieut.-Col. G. Rolls, Mr. W. T. McIvor (chairman, Birkenhead Chamber of Commerce), Commander E. C. G. Roden, R.N.R., Mr. C. Sydney Jones, Lieut.-Col. A. Buckley, D.S.O. (chairman of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce), and Mr. J. W. P. Laird (Cammell, Laird and Co.).

The Chairman, in proposing "The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, K.G.," said they would not readily forget Lord Derby's very great service to his country—the way he devoted his energies to recruiting at a time of national peril, the way he helped them as Secretary of State for War, and when he turned his energies from war to peace, the way he helped to consolidate the peace of the world as Ambassador at Paris. (Applause.) Lord Derby was now Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire, and they would like to congratulate him on obtaining that very important office. They could not forget Lord Derby's services to Liverpool, and when he said Liverpool he meant the whole of the boroughs and county centred round the Mersey. (Hear, hear.) Whatever they might say, it was one community; their interests were substantially the same. The points of difference between Birkenhead and Wallasey and Liverpool and Bootle were trifling compared with the points of union, and in the interests they had in common Lord Derby had done many other things for them. (Hear, hear.) They never appealed to him in vain, and they were, indeed, deeply grateful to him for the very many occasions on which he had put himself to considerable inconvenience to help the boroughs on the Mersey. (Applause.)

TRADE PROGRESS.

Now he had come to declare open the new entrance to the Birkenhead docks and to give them the opportunity of making known to the world what they were doing to the world for the trade of this part of the country. There were some statistics given in the brochure and he was interested in the year 1856, when the old entrance was opened, because that happened to be the year in which his uncle started business to China with three steamers of 2,300 tons gross register, proceeding by the Cape. He had no trustworthy figures for the Birkenhead trade in 1856, and his personal recollection was rather uncertain—(laughter)—but he did find that in 1902 the total tonnage of vessels, in what they knew as the Birkenhead system, was 1,420,946 tons, whereas last year it had grown to 2,376,671 tons and that the eastern outward trade, which was, perhaps, the most important part of the Birkenhead business, had risen from 827,993 tons to 1,838,438 tons; that was not a bad increase for 25 years, and though they might be going to face lean times he always felt cheerful when they looked at the trade of the world over long periods because if they did it was impossible to escape the conclusion that things were really getting better. It was by taking short views that they were bound to find themselves in despondency.

Now Birkenhead was largely used for the export trade, especially to the East and Liverpool as

a port was a very much more important port in respect of exports than imports. Their position was easily first in the matter of exports in the country but in imports he was afraid they were second to London. They were essentially an exporting port and it was well for people to remember it. What struck him most was the miscellaneous character of the trade that was carried on, and it was growing more on the miscellaneous side, than in staple exports, and there was a change going on. In 1866 he found the maximum draft of any ship entering the Birkenhead docks was 24 feet, in 1928 it had increased to 32 feet 6 inches, and although the entrance in 1902 was an improvement on the old entrance just to the north, there were only 144 days in the year when a vessel drawing 32 feet 6 inches could leave the dock.

Now there were 341 days for the new entrance they were just going to open. That was a considerable step forward, and it was not only the big ships that obtained that great benefit but also the smaller ships of less draft, which had a very great advantage because they were able to work on a much longer period of the tide. There would be 26 feet of water on the entrance at half-tide; that meant that any ship drawing less than 26 feet would have six hours on every tide in which they could come in and out of the dock, and very frequently they would be able to save a whole day's work which they would have lost. These improvements meant real economies for the working of the port and they saved more money by such improvement than by any reduction in the charges. They were doing the best to make their port as productive as possible and they wanted more people to take advantage of it.

COMMON INTERESTS.

Lord Derby said his family had been closely connected with that part of the world on both sides of the Mersey for many generations, and his only hope was that he would be enabled in his time to do all that he possibly could to carry on the work which they fondly believed—and he hoped rightly—they were doing for the benefit of those with whom they lived. He was glad to hear the Chairman say two things: one was that Merseyside had a common interest—(hear, hear)—Merseyside was not four separate entities, it was one, and the more they could pull together and the closer they could co-operate the better it was going to be for all of them, for closer co-operation meant efficiency and economy, which they would admit was the one thing they required. He was glad to hear that the chairman also believed that the unity of the four was indispensable for their individual prosperity. He was also very glad to hear the chairman, with his intimate knowledge of the trade and commerce of the world, taking the view that they must look ahead, and take a broad and farseeing view of the possibilities of their trade in the future rather than the more narrow point of view which seemed to appeal to them when they read their morning newspaper. He hoped it was that they were gradually coming out of the slough of despond into the sunlight. He was glad to think there were men like Mr. Holt and boards like the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board who take this wise and long view, and it was to them that the country must look in the future for the return of prosperity.

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It is reported that the case of Captain Midgeley, master of s.s. "Tai Lee," who was fined \$250 at the Marine Court on Saturday last for working cargo on Sunday without a permit, is to be re-opened. Mr. M. K. Lo will appear for the defendants on the appeal.

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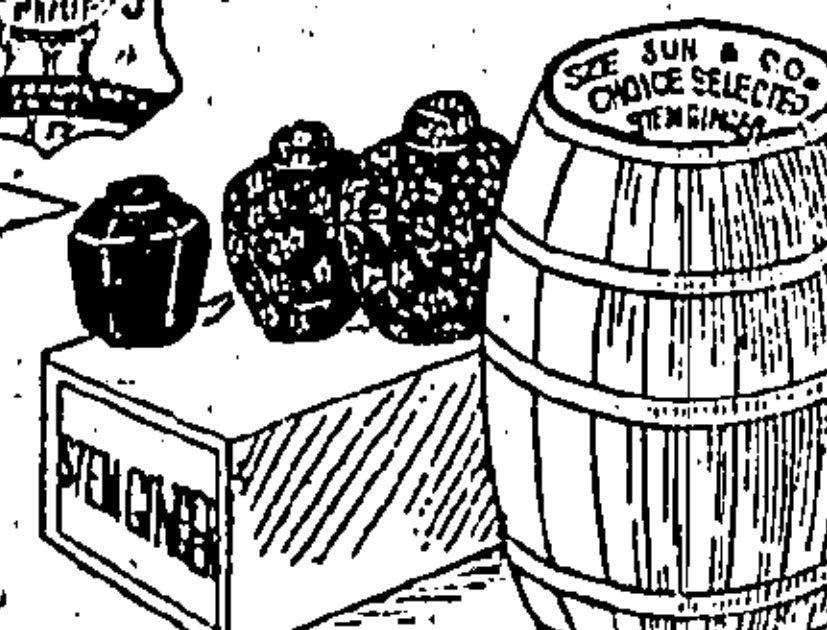
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JUNIOR GOVERNMENT STAFF SALARIES.

There are few people in the Colony, we believe, who will fail to sympathize with the junior clerical staff of the local Colonial Service in their desire for an increase of salary. The request, as was stated in yesterday's "China Mail," has been embodied in a petition that has been submitted by a Committee, which, we observe, numbers eight—four Chinese, two Indian and two Portuguese. These eight have signed the petition, which would probably have been much more impressive had many more appended their signatures. But that is a mere detail, and is comparatively unimportant so long as the eight signatures really represent the whole junior staff. Their action is stated to be a sequel to the recent announcement of an increase of salary for those of the Colonial service engaged originally at Home, and who are to receive, in the case of married men, an additional 12 per cent. and, in the case of single men an additional six per cent. "In lieu of exchange compensation," to their sterling-based salaries. If for no other reason than that the purchasing value of the dollar in these days bears little comparison with what it was some years ago, the increase is quite justified. Indeed, this seems to us to be its chief justification, and that it is so causes us to have no hesitation in saying that it applies just as strongly to the junior clerical staff. And when it is remembered that quite a number of those included in the so-called junior staff have been in the Colonial Service for a period that entitles them to regard themselves as much more important

than the average "junior," it seems to us that the time may be considered as having arrived for a reconsideration of the scale upon which their salaries have been based in the past.

Quite a few of those so-called "junior" members have been in the Colonial service for many years, and are at present receiving a salary that has increased with such painfully slow gradations that it seems impossible that their request for an increase should be ignored. It is, of course, for the authorities to determine what the increase should be and because certain figures are mentioned in the case of those members of the Civil Service brought out from Home, it does not follow that such figures should be fixed upon as suitable for the locally-engaged. There can be no comparison whatever between the two. An increase to locally-engaged men must be regarded primarily from the standpoint of local economics and, above all, from what is revealed from that all-important consideration, namely, the supply and demand of the labour market. Do those who petition for an advance "similar to that granted to those engaged at Home" delude themselves that for their comparatively small posts quite a number of useful substitutes could not easily be found tomorrow for the salaries they are cavilling at to-day?

The junior clerical staff would have been well-advised to have made no sort of comparison between their salaries and those of the Home-engaged men—for, we repeat, there is and can be no comparison. To increase the salaries of the junior clerks en bloc at present, and in a manner such as seems to be suggested would call for so large a sum annually that it seems to us to be quite out of the question. Those who have been for a fairly long period of years in the service and seem worthy of having their salaries increased should certainly be treated with all the generosity possible. But the petitioners would do well to bear in mind that whoever finally considers their request will have to take local economic circumstances into consideration and particularly the fact that there is by no means a dearth of clerks in the Colony and that others could soon be found quite suitable to substitute for them. We trust, however, that the chief point that will be considered will be the advisability of increasing the salaries of those who have been long in the Colonial administration's service. Many of those who come under that category

deserve every consideration, and we trust that the present may be regarded as a favourable time for a suitable increase being granted to them. As for the clerks in general, an all-important point is whether clerks in ordinary mercantile offices are being paid at salaries such as those now sought by the petitioners. We are inclined to believe that there have not been many 12 per cent. increases.

Rugger enthusiasts are invited to attend a meeting at Union Building to-morrow at 5.30 p.m.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Levels Residents Association will be held at the L. R. Club, Penk-road on Thursday, September 6 at 6 p.m.

A fine of \$10 was imposed by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Police Court this morning, on each of the five men who failed to fix revenue stamps on receipts.

A banishment was sentenced to nine months' hard labour at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Another man, who appeared on a similar charge, was remanded for investigation.

Two fire engines responded to a call at a Chinese ironsmith's workshop, on Nathan-road, near Lai-chi-kok-road, yesterday afternoon. Though the house was partly burned, the flames were soon extinguished.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. F. C. Colloca, assistant in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, No. 1 Woodland-terrace, Hong Kong, to Miss N. M. Alvarez, No. 14, Cameron-road, Kowloon.

For causing unnecessary pain to 3 chickens, by carrying them with cord tied from their wings, a Chinese was fined \$5, at the Kowloon Court this morning; and for placing 4 ducks in a basket too small to hold all comfortably, a Chinese was fined \$4.

The two Russians, Alexander Drujckoff (16) and Ivan Ostapchuk (25) who were charged with stowing away from Shanghai by the s.s. "Romolo," were each fined \$25 or 14 days' imprisonment by Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Wong Oi-wang, master of the Sang Kee rattan shop, No. 23 Shanghai-street, Yumati, reported to the police that a salesman named Chow Kiu-sang, (40) absconded with \$100 on August 25. The money was entrusted to him for the purchase of rattan.

A contractor was fined \$50, by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, on a summons of failing to abate the nuisance of breeding mosquito larva caused by the hollows in bamboo ends. The bamboos were used in the scaffolding of Sir Robert Ho Tung's new house near Mount Kellett.

Hong Kong estate amounting to \$38,000 was left by Mrs. Hin Yan-yung, alias Yung Un Shi, alias Un Kung-shuk, late of No. 22 Kai Tak-hung, Kowloon, who died intestate at Panlun Hospital, Shanghai, on March 27, 1928. She is survived by her husband, Yung Hin-yun, chief accountant of the Shanghai Provisional Court, and children. Letters of administration have been granted to Tienmu Keng-to-in, bank manager, of the Industrial and Commercial Bank Limited, who is the attorney for the husband.

ON THE MOVE.

FENGtien TROOPS CLEARING OUT.

Peking, Yesterday. Fengtien troops are on the move, several special trainloads leaving the Amhan-Changli area on Monday for destinations outside the Great Wall.

About ten empty trains are waiting between Chiungwang-tao and the Wall, presumably ready to move in a westward direction—British Naval Wireless.

Bournemouth Council have agreed to allow dancing on the pier on Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

Stolen valued at \$250 were stolen from the premises of Messrs. Burton and Co., High-street, Walthamstow, E.

Algerman Cedric Chivers, who was Mayor of Bath since 1924, has again been nominated for the coming year.

LIFE SAVING.

FURTHER EXAMINATION RESULTS.

AWARDS OF MERIT.

An examination for the Award of Merit (Silver Medal) of the Royal Life Saving Society was held at Lyemun on Tuesday, August 28. The candidates were men of the 12th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, who had previously qualified for the Society's Proficiency Certificate and Bronze Medalion. The Award of Merit is a much more difficult test than the previous certificates, and the Society only grants it to really strong and competent swimmers.

There are six parts to the examination, and a candidate must obtain a pass in each part. A rest of one minute only is permitted between the various parts. The tests are A. To swim to a patient fully clothed and tow him at least twenty yards. B. To swim continuously six hundred yards fully clothed by three different strokes (i) two hundred yards breast stroke (ii) two hundred yards back stroke (iii) two hundred yards free style. C. To undress on the surface of the water. D. To perform a surface dive and bring an object to the surface. E. To dive neatly from two heights. F. To perform three scientific or fancy swimming movements, of which the Society has a recognised list.

Twelve candidates were presented for the examination and all succeeded in obtaining the necessary marks, ten points being the maximum for each stroke, dive or movement. A candidate failing to obtain five points in any part is deemed to have failed the whole examination. The Society is very particular about granting this award, and reserves the right to refuse to give it unless they are completely satisfied that the candidate deserves it. The following names have been forwarded to the Chief Executive of the Society in London for approval and confirmation: Gnr. G. W. Avis, Gnr. P. French, L/Bdr. W. J. Pratt, Gnr. R. Mandors, Gnr. J. A. Full, L/Bdr. C. C. Clark, L/Bdr. F. McGee, L/Bdr. F. Taylor, Gnr. T. Hallstone, Trumpeter W. E. Adams, and Gnr. H. Harman. The candidates wore full uniform less boots, i.e. fully buttoned tunics, slacks, shirt, socks and belt.

TRAGIC AFFAIR.

INQUIRY INTO A YOUNG WOMAN'S DEATH.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. W. Schofield and a Coroner's jury consisting of Messrs. E. Cook (foreman), R. J. Carter and Chang Hing-hung, held an inquiry at the Kowloon Magistracy into the death of a young Chinese woman, who was stated to have been killed as the result of jumping from the roof of No. 17 Waterloo-road.

Dr. Dovey said that death was due to multiple fractures of the skull and laceration of the brain.

An adjournment was ordered, after a statement had been made by the deceased's mother concerning the young woman's relations with a European police officer.

REVENGE!

WHY SEVERAL POSTMEN BOARDED A BUS.

A postman who was put off a 'bus by a conductor of the China Motor Bus Company, boarded a 'bus in Nathan-road on Monday night with five or six postmen with the intention of seeking revenge. They assaulted the driver and the conductor, who had gone to his colleague's assistance, with the result that two of the intruders were arrested. Defendants pleaded guilty to the charges and Mr. W. Schofield imposed a fine on each of \$25, ordering defendants to sign bonds of \$50 each to keep the peace for a year.

CECILIA HANSEN.

VIOLINISTS' PROGRAMME FOR TO-NIGHT.

Miss Cecilia Hansen, the world's greatest woman violinist accompanied by her accompanist, Mr. Boris Zakharoff arrived in the Colony yesterday morning by the "Athos II." and will give the following programme to-night at the City Hall:—

1. Ciaconna Vitali
 2. Concerto D Major Tchaikowsky
 - Allegro moderato
 - Canzonetta
 - Allegro vivacissimo
 3. La Follia Corelli-Kreisler
 - (a) Recitativo and Scherzo, Violin only
 - (b) Hungarian Dance Brahms
 - (c) Pouppe valente Faldini
 - (d) Rondo des Jutins Bazzini
- At the Piano: Boris Zakharoff

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

Angry Diner: "Walter, what do you mean by running that knife and fork through my hair?"
Walter: "Oh, excuse me, sir, but I used to be a barber, and when I saw you with your napkin round your neck I forgot myself."

The new boarder rang the bell. "I want to speak to you about this egg."

"Well," said the landlady, "and what have you got to say?"
"Listen to the egg first, madam," was the reply, "and tell me if you think there is anything useful that I can add."

Urchin (on river banks): "Will you please look after these 'ere worms, mister, while I fills t'other tin?"

Kind old gentleman (affably): "Certainly, my boy, certainly."

Urchin (suspiciously): "Mind yer, I've counted 'em!"

The argument had been all on Mrs. Huggins's side throughout the evening, and poor Huggins was distinctly fed up.

"You seem to think that a cold in the head means nothing to a woman," stormed his wife. "I don't know of anything more annoying!"

Her husband peered over the newspaper which he had been endeavouring to read.

"No!" he countered, with a rare flash of spirit. "How about lock-jaw?"

The talk had turned on the subject of theatrical first nights, and speeches at the fall of the curtain.

"I have had seven plays produced," a playwright exclaimed, "and when I say authors should not make speeches I know what I am talking about. But, if you must speak, let your speech be as short as possible. I've made seven speeches during those seven unforgettable occasions, and they all contained four words only."

"And what were they, pray?" inquired a friend.

"And boo to you," he sadly replied.

It is dangerous for engaged people to be too self-deprecatory, as is shown in the following story:

"A girl was engaged to a man in the Horse Artillery; she was not deeply in love with him, but for reasons of her own had decided to accept him."

"One day, feeling rather apologetic about the coldness of her demeanour, she said: 'I don't think I am half good enough for you.' To her surprise he promptly said: 'I quite agree with you, and so we will put an end to the matter now.' And she saw him no more."

Robinson detected a leakage in his whisky, which he connected with his new housekeeper.

"My late housekeeper," he said to her one day, "was a most trustworthy woman. You see that bottle—"

"I hope, sir," interrupted the woman, "you don't think that I would stoop to touch it. I come from honest English parents, and—"

"I'm not grumbling at your English parents," commented Robinson: "it is your Scotch extraction of which I complain!"

An American was trying to impress an Englishman with the size of America.

"Why," said the American, "I can get on a train in Pennsylvania at 6 o'clock at night, and at 6 o'clock next morning I can still be in Pennsylvania."

The other smiled.

"Yes," he said, "We've got trains like that on our railways, too, but we don't boast of 'em."

They were court-martialling the soldier for desertion, and the case looked very black indeed until the young officer, acting for the defence, arose.

"Sir," he said, addressing the president, "I admit appearances are very much against this man. But I propose to prove that in civil life he was a plumber—and he was only going back for his bayonet."

"Acquitted."

Two constables were patrolling a certain district in the early hours of the morning, when they discovered a dead horse.

"Out came their note-books, and they commenced taking particulars."

"Bill looked at his friend, and said, 'I say, how do you spell Scandinavia-street?'"

"'Dunno," replied Bill, "let's drag it into Ray-street; I can spell that."

'PLAYING WITH FIRE.'

WHAT THE 'TOTAL' EXTINGUISHER CAN DO.

A DEMONSTRATION.

In the compound of the Central Fire Station, yesterday afternoon, an interesting demonstration was held of the 'Total' fire extinguisher, the Hong Kong and South China agents of which are Messrs. Koller, Kern and Co., Ltd., of Nos. 16-19, Connaught-road Central.

The demonstration was carried out by Mr. John S. Smith whilst Mr. E. Kern was also present to explain the simplicity of the extinguisher.

There was a large gathering present, both European and Chinese, including officers of the Fire Brigade, and all were favourably impressed with the efficiency of the extinguisher which squirts a powerful stream of white powder containing carbonic acid. This has an instantaneous effect on flames, which cannot live against it and are speedily extinguished no matter what hold the fire had previous to the bringing of the extinguisher into play. The flames were simply driven back and swallowed up by the powder before the eyes of the fascinated gathering who only a couple of minutes previously were awed by the magnitude of the raging flames, which were started for the purpose of the demonstration.

Chimney Blaze.

The first demonstration was with a wooden chimney which showed with what effect the 'Total' could be used in case of a fire in a lift shaft, flue, chute or chimney of any kind. The inside of the wooden chimney was thoroughly saturated with a mixture of crude oil and gasoline, and it instantly went up in flames at the application of a match.

The flames were given ample time to take a good hold before the extinguisher was brought into play. Then Mr. Smith advanced towards the chimney with a hand apparatus, starting to squirt the powder at the base when about four feet away. The effect on the flames was instantaneous, and in less than a minute the fire was out.

An equally speedy and effective demonstration was then carried out with a wooden structure representing a wall of a room or building, which was also well saturated with the same highly inflammable mixture.

Motor-Car Engine.

The final and most daring demonstration was the setting alight of the engine of Mr. Smith's motor car after gasoline had been poured on the mechanism. After the engine had gone up in flames, Mr. Smith coolly pulled down the bonnet and then climbed into the driver's seat where he removed an 'Auto-Total' cylinder, and then proceeded to walk round the front of the car squirting the powder through the interstices of the bonnet through which flames were issuing.

The fire was out in a minute, and when the bonnet was re-opened, it was found that the engine had not suffered in the least, and within two minutes of the conclusion of the demonstration, Mr. Smith entered his car and started the engine which responded instantly. The powder did not have any clogging effect on the engine which blew the stuff off as it purred easily.

The powder has no unpleasant odour, is not poisonous, and cannot harm any material.

ROBBERY.

JEWELLERY AND MONEY STOLEN.

A Chinese, alleged to have stolen a clock from No. 2 Cambay Buildings, the residence of Mrs. Gomes; also to have stolen two baskets containing a wrist watch, seven articles of clothing and jewellery and money from No. 127, Kowloon Tong, appeared at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on charges of larceny and receiving stolen property.

He was sentenced to two months' hard labour on the first charge, a fine of \$100 or a further two months' hard labour on the third charge, while the second charge was withdrawn.

Mr. Walter Citrine, secretary of the Trades Union Congress, is to be nominated for the presidency of the International Federation of Trade Unions at the council meeting at Amsterdam in September.

Thirty children playing happily in the Hampstead and North St. Pancras Day Nursery at Hampstead, N.W., had a delightful surprise when Princess Mary paid them an unexpected visit.

Nearly 10,000 people flew across the Channel on the London-Continental Airways in July, a record.

BID FOR POWER?

CHANG TSUNG-CHANG AND SHANTUNG.

MUNITIONS AT CHEFOO.

Peking, Yesterday.

The vernacular papers report that Chang Tsung-chang intends shortly to make a bid for power in Shantung, stating he has recently received from unnamed sources \$10,000,000 for his project.

It is known that he has shipped large quantities of ammunition to Chefoo, and the vernacular papers report that the Chihli-Shantung troops inside the Great Wall have been paid a month's wages and also that Nanking has ordered Feng Yu-shiang immediately to send forces to exterminate the Northerners at Chefoo, while Pei Chung-hai has been ordered to attack those inside the Great Wall.

The foremost line of the Chihli-Shantung forces is at present at Lutai.

Japanese Troops.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The War Office has decided that the infantry regiment and the artillery detachment, which was sent from Shantung to Tientsin in May owing to the uneasiness then existing in that area, shall return to Shantung early in September to rejoin the Third Division, of which it will form part.—Reuter.

REJUVENATION.

LORD BIRKENHEAD ON HIS AGE.

'WORSHIP OF ANCESTORS.'

At the Criterion Restaurant, London, last month, the Japan Society gave a dinner in honour of the Waseda University athletic team which went to Amsterdam to take part in the Olympic games. During their stay in England they had a friendly contest with the Achilles team of athletes drawn from Oxford and Cambridge Universities, the members of which were also among the guests.

The Earl of Birkenhead, submitting the toast of 'The Waseda University Athletic Team,' said:

I am fast reaching an age when I become more and more inclined to encourage the worship of the old by the young. (Laughter.) In our modern English world that is not a fashionable cult, but my birthday is to-morrow, and in three years I shall unfortunately—if I live—have attained the age of 60. Well, any body who is travelling so swiftly along the road of life becomes more and more indulgent of the worship of ancestors.

At present, while you are 60, you still retain a certain degree of affectionate relationship with those who follow you; when you are 70 you become rather a bore; when you are 80 you are pointed to as an interesting relic; and when you reach 90 you are wheeled about. (Laughter.) I have wondered if there is anything in this rejuvenating idea. I have thought of this matter deeply, and I cannot see that a man of 150 would be any particular addition to the home. There would be a promising youngster of 80 or 90 about the house, and he might think he was entitled to come into his own. (Laughter.)

Friendship With Japan.

Speaking of the friendship existing between Japan and Great Britain, he said that the friendship of great peoples did not depend on the written terms of a lawyer's document. It depended on the hearts of those peoples, and there were many matters between Britain and Japan which were not perhaps easily understood by the citizens of other countries, but were realized by us as inhabitants of an ancient and historical island, subsisting on proud traditions. No Englishman would ever forget the assistance given to us by Japan in the early days of the war.

Prof. Yamamoto replied.

The Japanese Charge d'Affaires, Mr. S. Saburi, submitting the toast of 'The Achilles Team,' said the present was the first occasion on which a combination of Japanese University athletes had visited Europe, and it was more than gratifying that the country selected for this visit should have been Old England, that the scene of encounter should have been the celebrated ground at Stamford Bridge, and that the opposing team should have been composed of past and present students of Oxford and Cambridge.

Mr. J. W. J. Rinkel responded.

During the evening the Earl of Birkenhead presented a banner to the Waseda team from the Achilles team, and in doing so said it was an emblem of the sporting comradeship which united the two countries.

Among those present were: Sir Charles Elliot, Sir Edward and Lady Crowe, Sir Montagu and Lady Shearman, Lieut. Colonel the Marquis and Marchioness T.

'WINSTON' & 'DAVID.'

ENGAGE IN ACRIMONIOUS COMMONS DUEL.

BUDGET SURPLUS.

Westminster.—The House was up soon after three (says the 'Daily Telegraph's' political correspondent) and but for Mr. Lloyd George it would have been up even earlier. But Mr. Lloyd George, who is irregular in his attendance, took it into his head to make a speech which brought up Mr. Churchill, and the attack and the reply made the operative part of the debate. It is a pity that these two men have fallen out so, for they have many ideas in common, and, as usual, the nearer strong forces approach without actually joining in amity the greater the beat of conflict.

Mr. Churchill put down Mr. Lloyd George's hostility to chagrin at seeing what he hoped would be a trump card for his own party turned into a measure of practical reform by the other side. In plain words, what Mr. Lloyd George thought was the ace of trumps in his hands, has turned out to be a king only, and has been overthrown by Mr. Churchill's ace. They are very near to each other, and therefore they quarrel the more.

Mr. Lloyd George was in his quiet, persuasive mood. He made as though he was using but half his strength out of consideration for Mr. Churchill, who has seemed lately not entirely to have shaken off the effect of his influenza. Mr. Lloyd George therefore confined his criticism to the suggestion that Mr. Churchill's concessions anticipating the rating relief to coal, taking the tax off kerosene, and the reduction of the betting tax, had knocked the bottom out of his Budget, and converted a surplus into a deficit. Could they now have a new financial statement? There was no precedent for budgeting on a deficit.

Mr. Churchill had a simple answer. He had budgeted for a surplus of 18½ millions; and his loss of revenue by his concessions amounted to 4½ millions. Therefore he had still a prospective surplus of 14 millions, and he thought that he would realise it. How came Mr. Lloyd George, one wonders, to overlook all this pudding that Mr. Churchill had left himself? Whether a Chancellor of the Exchequer has any right to budget for so liberal a surplus is, of course, another story.

'Degrading' Arguments.

Mr. Churchill went on to point out that his concessions were not wasted, but would go to the remission of taxation; he had, in fact, only forestalled this year the remission of taxes that he might otherwise have made next. He admitted that in so far as he had done so he would have less to give away next year. Even the anticipation of rating relief to railways had left him with plenty of money to finance the rating reliefs up to 1930. Trade might improve by then, but if it did not there would be a gap in 1930.

He went on to complain bitterly of Mr. Lloyd George's criticisms in the country, which have 'darkened counsel, put a spoke in the wheel of reform, and confused the public mind,' and after describing Mr. Lloyd George's arguments as degrading, he put his attitude down to chagrin at finding himself overthrown.

Mr. Maxton followed up Mr. Wheatley's speech of the other day by an exposition of the sort of Budget he would have when the present Labour backbenchers sat on the front Ministerial bench.

The test of a Budget, according to Mr. Maxton, is how much does it take out of the pockets of the rich and how much does it put into the pockets of the poor? If it be objected that riches and poverty are merely relative terms and need more precise definition, Mr. Maxton has his answer pat to that. A man who has more than a thousand a year is not only a rich man but a super-rich man, and all the excess over that should be taken from him and given to his poorer brethren. So now we know.

Brigadier-General Sir Samuel H. Wilson, Permanent Under-Secretary for the Colonies, has left England on an official visit to the West African Colonies.

Mayeda, Major W. W. Grantham, K.C., Colonel J. C. Somerville, Lady Henry Wilson, Major-General L. G. Drummond, Colonel the Master of Semple, Mr. J. Wilson Taylor, Captain G. W. Warre, Lady Arnold, Mr. D. G. A. Lowe, Mr. K. Yonezawa, Mr. S. Takashi, Mr. H. B. Brennan, Mr. T. Okubo, Mrs. C. V. Sale, Mrs. J. P. Reid, Captain K. Shiozawa, D.S.O., Mrs. Alec Tweedie, Rev. Dr. D. H. Benninghoff, Mrs. Yonezawa, Mr. Y. Okita, Mrs. Brennan, Mrs. J. W. J. Rinkel, Mr. T. Hoshino, and others.

SHIP'S ROPE.

LARGE STOLEN COILS NOW RECOVERED.

GOOD POLICE WORK.

Several reports of late have been received by the police relating to thefts of hemp rope from British and foreign steamers in Hong Kong harbour.

As a result the police discovered a hawker who said that he had heard of a man collecting a sum of nearly \$100 from a marine store dealer after a talk about 'hemp rope.'

The shop in question proved to be the Tak On Co., marine dealers, at No. 35, Tung Mun-street. In a raid, engineered by the police, coils of rope were found which tallied with the samples held by the Water police.

This morning, at the Kowloon Court, Detective Sergeant Fowle produced the missing coils before Mr. Walter Schofield.

The coil of rope marked 'red' belonged to the J. C. J. Line, the coil marked blue was the property of Jardine, Matheson, while the remaining one, which was unmarked, was claimed by Butterfield and Swire.

Representatives of the above mentioned shipping firms were present in Court.

Capt. D. Skinner, Assistant Marine Superintendent for Jardine, Matheson's appeared for that firm, Mr. A. H. Naismith, Chief Officer of the s.s. 'Ka Ying,' for Butterfield and Swire, and Mr. A. J. Ramond, for the J. C. J. Line.

The unmarked rope, the Magistrate was informed, could be identified with little difficulty by Mr. Naismith.

The rope stolen from the s.s. 'Ka Sing' (B. & S.) was 140 fathoms long, and that from the s.s. 'Sui Sang' (J.M.) 92 fathoms, and that from the s.s. 'Baton' (J.C.J.L.) was of 270 fathoms.

The magistrate ordered the rope to be restored to the rightful owners.

SIX BILLION POUNDS.

EXPECTED YIELD OF FORD RUBBER GROUNDS.

New York.—Mr. Henry Ford's motor ship 'Lake Orma' left Detroit bound for Santarem, Brazil, laden with supplies, for developing the rubber plantation of the Ford Motor Company.

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However, Mr. Ford does not contemplate an immediate monopoly, but the establishment of an operating base and port, a survey of the ground, and the preparation of nursery stocks.

WORKER-MANAGERS.

'A BEAUTIFUL THEORY.'

Mr. Duncan Bailey, managing director of Messrs. Charles Roberts and Co., Ltd., Wakefield, speaking at the conference of the Industrial Co-partnership Association at Oxford said that the idea that the workers should have a share in the management of a business was a beautiful theory. 'The real problem,' he said, 'is not that employers want to withhold a share of the management from the workers, but to get someone who will share it.'

'Whether you advertise for charge hands, workers, managers or general managers, one of the biggest problems is to get people fitted to do the work.' A large number of workers cannot be fitted to manage businesses. If a person has not the indefinable gifts that make up a man of business, he can no more run a business than a man who has not artistic gifts can paint a picture.

Statements such as that made by Mr. Ben Turner at Bradford recently that one of the reasons why trade was going 'down' was that some managers could be seen strolling to the office at ten o'clock in the morning, were calculated to mislead. The manager who was criticised for doing that might have lain awake at five o'clock in the morning, working very hard with his brain.

Hollywood, Yesterday.—The death of the famous actor, the mother of Charlie Chaplin—Reuter's American Service.

Ships of the Atlantic Fleet returned to home ports to give 16 days' leave to the crews following their three months' summer cruise.

Mr. Edward F. Moore, assistant deputy coroner for Salford, a doctor and a barrister, has been appointed coroner for East Sussex.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE 'MAIL.'

To-day — Queen's Theatre; 'Love Me And The World Is Mine.'

To-day—World Theatre; 'Whispering Smith.'

To-day—Star Theatre; 'Mannequin.'

To-day—Theatre Royal; Cecilia Hansen, the world's greatest violinist, 9.15 p.m.

September 2-3—Queen's Theatre; 'A Kiss in a Taxi.'

Land Sales.

September 3—At P. W. D. Offices, Crown lands at Shamshulpo and Prince Edward-rd., Kowloon, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

August 30—Royal Hong Kong Golf Club confirmatory meeting.

August 30—Rugby Football meeting at Union Bldg., Pedder-st., 5.30 p.m.

August 31—Forty-first annual meeting of members of the Hong Kong Football Club in Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's board room, 5.30 p.m.

September 2—H.K.V.D.C. No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club meeting at the Penk Range, 9.30 a.m.

September 3—Hong Kong Cricket League annual meeting in the Sanitary Board Room, Post Office Bldg., 5.15 p.m.

September 6—Annual meeting of Mid-levels' Residents' Assn. at Ladies' Recreation Club, Peak-rd., 6 p.m.

Sports.

Sept. 6, 7—Soldiers' Club Billiard Tournament: H.K.V.D.C. v 31st Battery R.A., 6 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

August 31—Hong Kong Amateur Football league entries close on this date.

September 1—Second Moonlight picnic of St. Peter's Y. M. Club.

September 1—Miss V. Capell resumes her Dancing Classes on this date.

September 14—H.K.V.D.C. (Machine Gun Company) dinner, Headquarters, 7.45 p.m.

October 4, 5, 6—Grand Tattoo, at Sookumpoo, 8.30 p.m.

A hairdresser's assistant at Lille, France, has shaved himself in 27 seconds without a scratch, this being, it is said, a world record.

The New Zealand House of Representatives has rejected the Daylight Saving Bill, this involving the end of summer time in New Zealand.

NOTICES.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

RUGBY.

ALL Interested in RUGBY FOOTBALL are invited to attend a Meeting at Union Building, Pedder Street, on THURSDAY, 30th August, at 5.30 p.m.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

REMINDER.

THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS in connection with the new Articles of Association will be held at the Office of the Club, York Building, TO-MORROW, the 30th instant at 5.15 p.m.

B. O. BLAKER,

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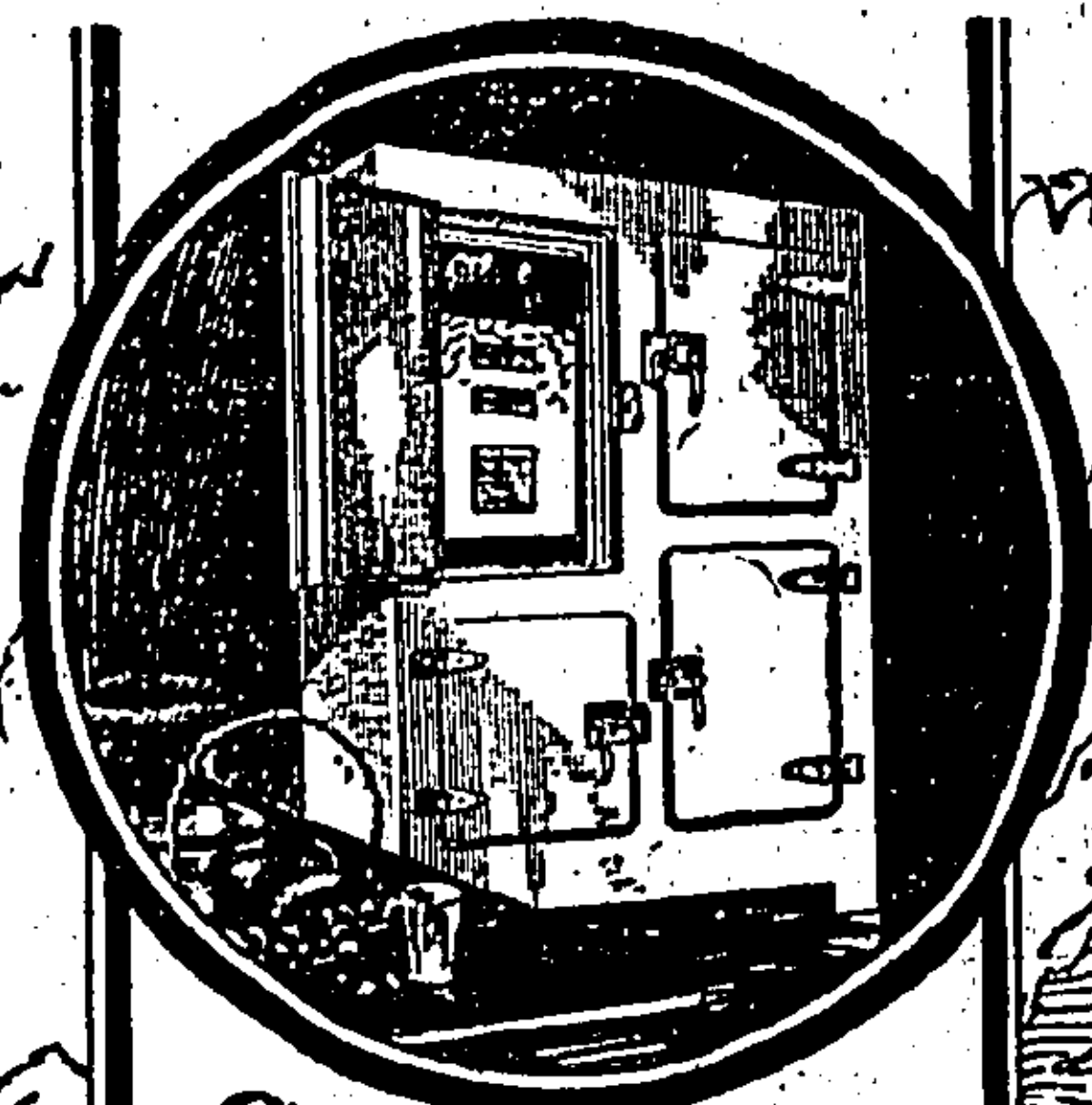
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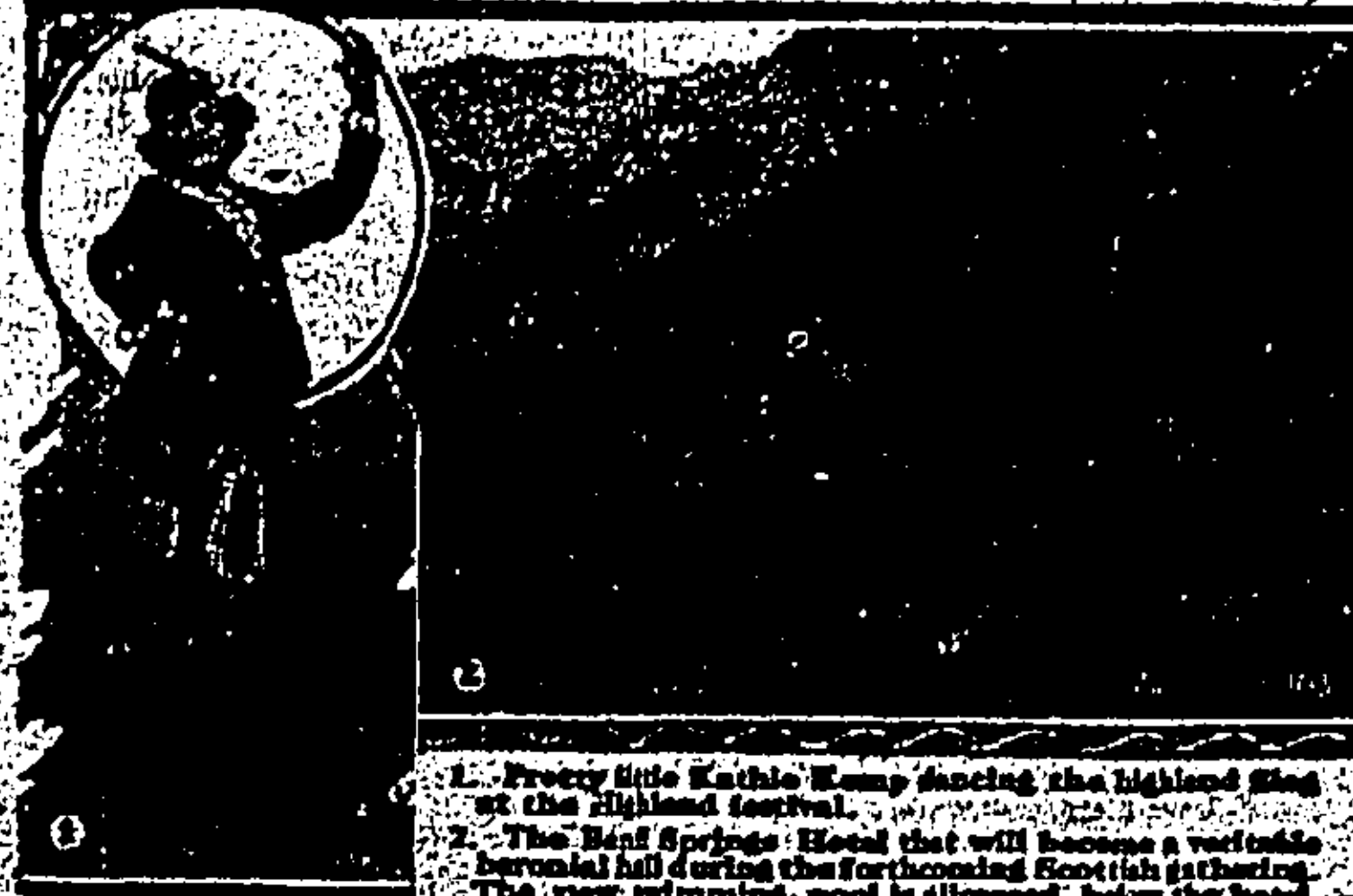
The fête of St. Jean Baptiste is a day of particular celebration among the French-Canadians and although weather intervened in the process, one of the most impressive spectacles was eventually presented in Montreal in which many thousands participated. "Jean le Percuteur" was the title of the oratorio given in the Montreal Stadium which was preceded by a procession of floats representing various well known French-Canadian Folksongs. The float pictured above is entitled "Le Foulon," and was the subject of a song of the Canadian Pacific Railway townsmen, and was the subject of a song of the old time folk of this area, sung by the habitants in the manufacture of homespun material during the process of spinning. The singers are the Bytown Troubadours, who made such a hit at the Quebec Folk Song Festival.

When a year later the payment became due, Mr. Hodston heard Mr. Bottomley tell a director of the same

"This is the more obvious as it is quite likely that in many cases the water is merely the predisposing cause and not the infecting agent or, in other words, the organism may be in the ear already and

As a reply to the Latvian communist's death sentence on the Government employees who were charged with spying in favour of the Soviet, the Petrograd court sentenced two Letts to death on charge of spying in favour of Great Britain.

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Burns Alabamian, returned on the beam of the "Trath Neith Bladh" (that's a chord; air on 2nd last day "Hogheadman, Moe," and if any of those who attended the Highland Gathering and Scottish Music Festival at Burnt last year could read that "air," they would be able to sing it in "brithnicais," again, muffled, "Mile-chais," was nothing more formidable than broiled catfish liver with bacon. If they entered it, they will probably go back for more.

The Highland gathering was a first success last year. The year between August 1 and September 1, 1914, will be remembered for many good and bad reasons. But the "Dalla" (air) will be the one that will be remembered.

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TITLE BOXING.

OPEN AIR CONTEST IN LONDON.

HILL-BROWN.

London, Yesterday. One of the few of London's world title boxing matches will be decided in the open air at Clapton Stadium to-morrow when the British and European flyweight champion, Johnny Hill, meets the American, Newsboy Brown over 15 rounds.

This contest will be preceded by a Baldoek-Johnny Brown fight over 15 rounds at 8st 6 lbs.—Reuter.

BRITISH FIGHTERS.

BOXERS PAST AND PRESENT.

(By Robert Edgren.)

Tom Heeney is a novelty among British heavyweights; to date they haven't had to dust off his shoulder-blades after a fight.

A glance at the line of English champions may be interesting. There was Palmer. He came over to be licked by Jack Twin Sullivan. Bombardier Wells was a magnificent boxer and a scientific hard hitter, but his ability to absorb punishment was not so marked as in other equally famous fighters. He came to challenge Johnson, and first fought, Al Pulzer, the big Minnesota farmer. Wells nearly annihilated Palmer for a round or two and then was hit a couple of times and knocked out. Gunboat Smith was knocked out easily by Tommy Burns, when Tommy knocked out the champions of Australia, England and Ireland to make his claim good to the world's championship.

THE MIGHT OF "IRON" HAGUE.

England once had what looked like a real fighting heavyweight in Ian Hague, called "Iron" Hague. This bird wasn't named after the place where they make peace treaties. He was a whale of a man and would easily be the best heavyweight prospect in sight if on the scene to-day. He knocked out all the best English heavyweights in from one to five rounds, flattening champion Moir in a round.

The National Sporting Club, sensing at last a chance to see an English heavyweight world's champion, sent to America for the toughest opponent that could be found—the idea being that Hague might as well go right to the top without wasting time frittering about among the second raters. Unfortunately for Hague, Sam Langford was easily persuaded to take a trip to England.

I think the National Sporting Club rather underestimated Sam, who was then, in 1909, absolutely the best fighting heavyweight in the world. Jack Johnson was champion, having beaten Tommy Burns in Australia the year before, but he wouldn't fight Sam, because he knew Sam could beat him. In fact, looking back over the list of champions, there isn't one Sam Langford couldn't have fought on fairly even terms, except Jeffries and Dempsey at their best, yet he never had a championship because he never had a chance to fight for one.

To show how good "Iron" Hague was, he carried the fight right to Sam, traded smash for smash, and knocked Sam flat on his back for a nine count in the first round. Sam got up with the realization that he wasn't fighting a "sucker," stalled and fought a defensive battle until he found the sure opening he wanted in the fourth round, and then battered Hague down again and again until Ian was helpless, and the bout was stopped.

BRITISH AND IRISH BACKING.

Since Bombardier Wells there have been no very good English heavies, possibly excepting Phil Scott. Although Scott was knocked out by Hansen, he's a good fighter, with skill and punch, but,

like most of the English heavyweights, he may not be quite as tough around the ribs and jaw as a fighter needs to be.

So Heeney, the Australian, will carry a lot of British backing, and the Irish have an interest in him, too. He's as Irish as Tunney; no less. Heeney was just a tramp heavyweight until Charlie Harvey picked him up when he came to this country from England, where he had several fights but didn't get money enough to go home.

Harvey had a lot of trouble getting Heeney a chance here, but when he did, Heeney made good. He learned a lot about American fighting from Harvey, and in his matches. He's a rugged, enduring fellow, hard to beat, but so far not dangerous, because he hasn't much of a punch. In this he's like a lot of others in his class.

Tex Rickard has taken the punch out of fighting. Before Rickard came along as a promoter, fighting had some of the earmarks of a sport. At least a few fighters fought because they liked it. Tex put so much money into boxing that the fighters all became business men, and a business man doesn't take risks. To trade punches and give every effort to winning with a knock-out, a fighter has to take risks, and that's no sound business method. The other fellow may land first. In this Rickard era, being knocked out means being knocked out of the big money.

Take the garrulous gob, Jack Sharkey, as an instance. Sharkey was headed straight into the million dollar class when he was knocked out by Jack Dempsey in the bout to decide who'd fight Tunney at Chicago. So Sharkey has become a poor pauper worth only a couple of hundred thousand, and when he fights he has to take whatever Tex offers instead of sitting back and demanding his own terms.

TAKING NO RISKS.

An example of the business man boxer is Armand Emanuel, of San Francisco. Armand was a good amateur when he fought for medals. After being ballyhooed like a world's champion for a year past, and piling up a row of decision wins over all the unknown ham fighters that could be dug from out-of-the-way corners to help pad his record, he was matched against old Mike McTigue.

It was figured that old Mike would be soft picking, Mike having been rather easily knocked out by middle-weight Mickey Walker, and having otherwise shown signs of pugilistic disintegration. Mike followed Armand for ten rounds without inducing Armand to forget for a moment that all was strictly business.

Toby Irwin, the best western referee, said he should have thrown both men out of the ring for their punk showing, but after letting it go to the end of the tenth round called it a "draw," because neither had done anything to earn a decision.—"Topical Times."

BASEBALL.

SHANGHAI CHINESE WIN INTERPORT.

The Shanghai Chinese baseballers yesterday won the Cup presented by Sir Shou-son Chow, defeating for the second time the local South China team by 9 runs to five. South China at the first meeting, beat the visitors. Line-up:

S.C. "Dragons."	Shanghai
Tom Chin	1b Chang
R. Shim	c.f. Tsang
W. Sling	2b. Char
S. L. Lee	p. Tsay
D. Chin	
S. S. Lee	c. Abe Liu
Fung	s.s. Kim
Tsoi	r.f. Woo
June	s.f. Chen

Score by inning:—

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
S. C. Dragons	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	5
Shanghai	2	2	0	5	0	0	0	9

Umpires: Messrs. Proulx and Burrell.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SINCERE THANKS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—On behalf of the East China Baseball Team, I am directed to express through your columns our heartiest and most sincere thanks to the following named individuals and associations for their kind hospitality:

Sir Chow Shou-son
Mr. Tso Shu-hon
Mr. Tsung Bin-ki
South China Athletic Association
Hong Kong Baseball Association
China Athletic Association
Chinese Bathing Club
Chinese Y.M.C.A.

We feel that our trip to Hong Kong was a most pleasant and memorable one. We have been entertained lavishly far beyond our hopes of ever repaying them in the same full measure. However, we shall endeavour to do our very best by making every preparation to welcome the South China Dragons when they visit us in Shanghai next summer.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances and to our limited time of stay in Hong Kong, we regret exceedingly that we were unable to play the Filipino Baseball Club. We hope that in the near future we may have the opportunity to cross bats with them.

We wish to express again our deepest appreciation to the parties concerned for their many kindnesses shown towards us during our sojourn in Hong Kong.

Cordially Yours,
East China Baseball Team.
W. Y. CHAI,
Captain.

Aug. 29, 1928.

AQUATIC SPORTS.

THE K.D.R.C. HOLD THEIR MEETING.

On Monday afternoon, the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club held at Taiwan was the scene of enjoyable and successful aquatic sports held by the Small Units of the South China Command.

The events were keenly contested, and some exciting finishes were witnessed. At the conclusion, the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Wyatt, wife of Colonel Wyatt, who performed the ceremony on the raft.

Cheers were heartily given for Mrs. Wyatt, the Officers and organisers of the sports.

The following were the results:—
50 Yards Race:—1, S/Sgt. Blackmore (R.A.O.C.); 2, Lieut. Martin (R.E.); Time: 20.2/5 secs.
Throwing the Polo Ball:—1, S/Sgt. Rivett (R.E.); 2, Cpl. Crowcroft (R.A.S.C.).
100 Yards Race:—1, Lieut. Martin (R.E.); Cpl. Lees (R.A. M. C.); Times: 1 min. 34.2/3 secs.

Veterans' Race:—1, C. S. M. Kennard (R.A.P.C.); 2, Q. M. S. Moragan (R.A.P.C.).
Diving:—1, Lieut. Martin (R.E.); 2, L/Cpl. Funnell (R.A.S.C.).
Plunge:—1, C. S. M. Kennard (R.E.); 2, Sgt. Bent (R.E.).
Lighted Candle Race:—1, Sgt. Rimmell (R.E.); 2, Spr. Williams (R.E.).
50 Yards Back Race:—1, Sgm. Baldwin; 2, Private Davies. Time: 32.1/5 secs.
Relay Race:—1, Royal Army Medical Corps; 2, Royal Engineers.
440 Yards Race:—1, S/Sgt. Rivett (R.E.); 2, Cpl. Wilkins (R. Signals).

The Prime Minister, Mr. Baldwin, who celebrated his 61st birthday last month was at his Worcestershire home, Astley Hall, near Stourport, and failed engagements in his constituency, the Bewdley division. He is at present on holiday in France.

Mr. Arthur William Stewart Cochran, Norroy, King of Arms, has been appointed Clarenceux King of Arms and Principal Herald of the south, east, and west parts of England.

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PROVISIONS OF A LABOUR BILL.

The text of the bill presented to the House of Commons to make better provision for the defence of poor persons charged with an offence punishable by death, was published recently. The bill was presented by Mr. Purcell, M.P. for the Forest of Dean Division, who took an active part in raising a fund for the defence of Mrs. Pace and is backed by Mr. Lees Smith, who, as a member of the Savidge Commission, presented a minority report.

Other backers are Mr. Malone, Mr. Windsor, Mr. William Thorne, Mr. Dennison, Mr. Trevelyan, Mr. Grundy, and Mr. George Hirst, all members of the Labour party. The bill consists of three operative clauses as follow.

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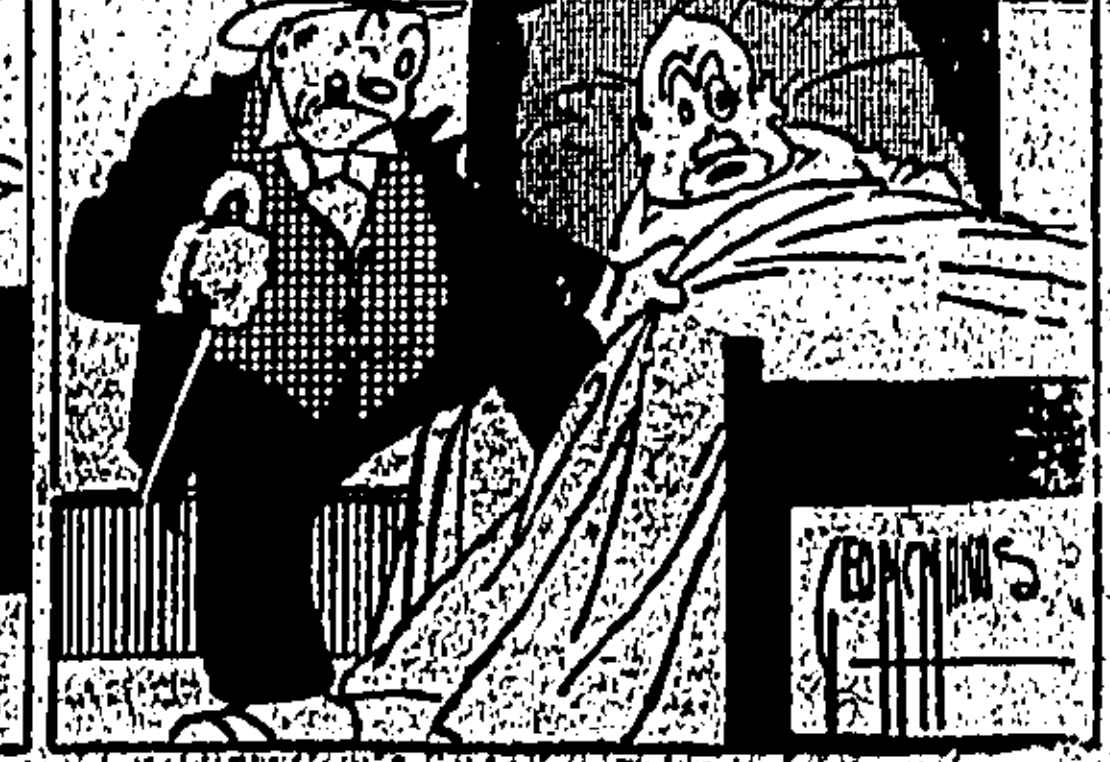
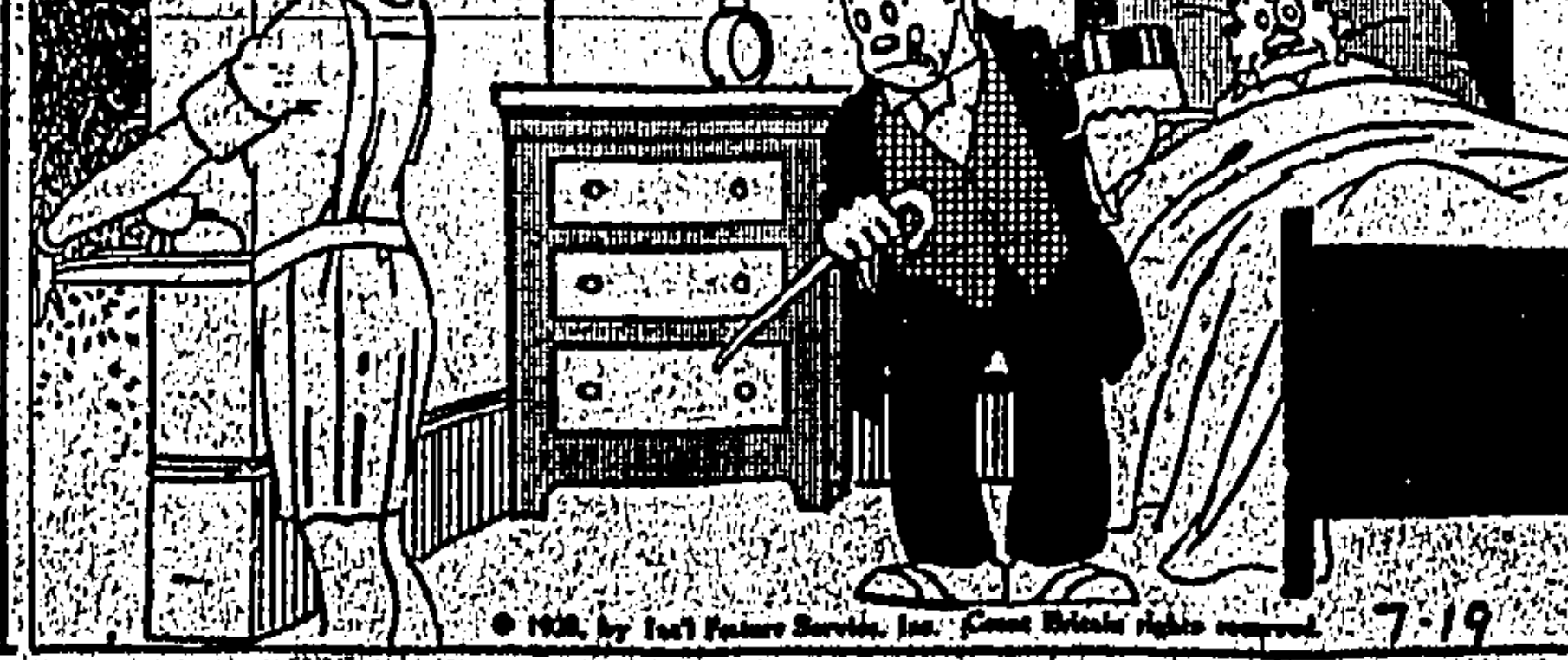
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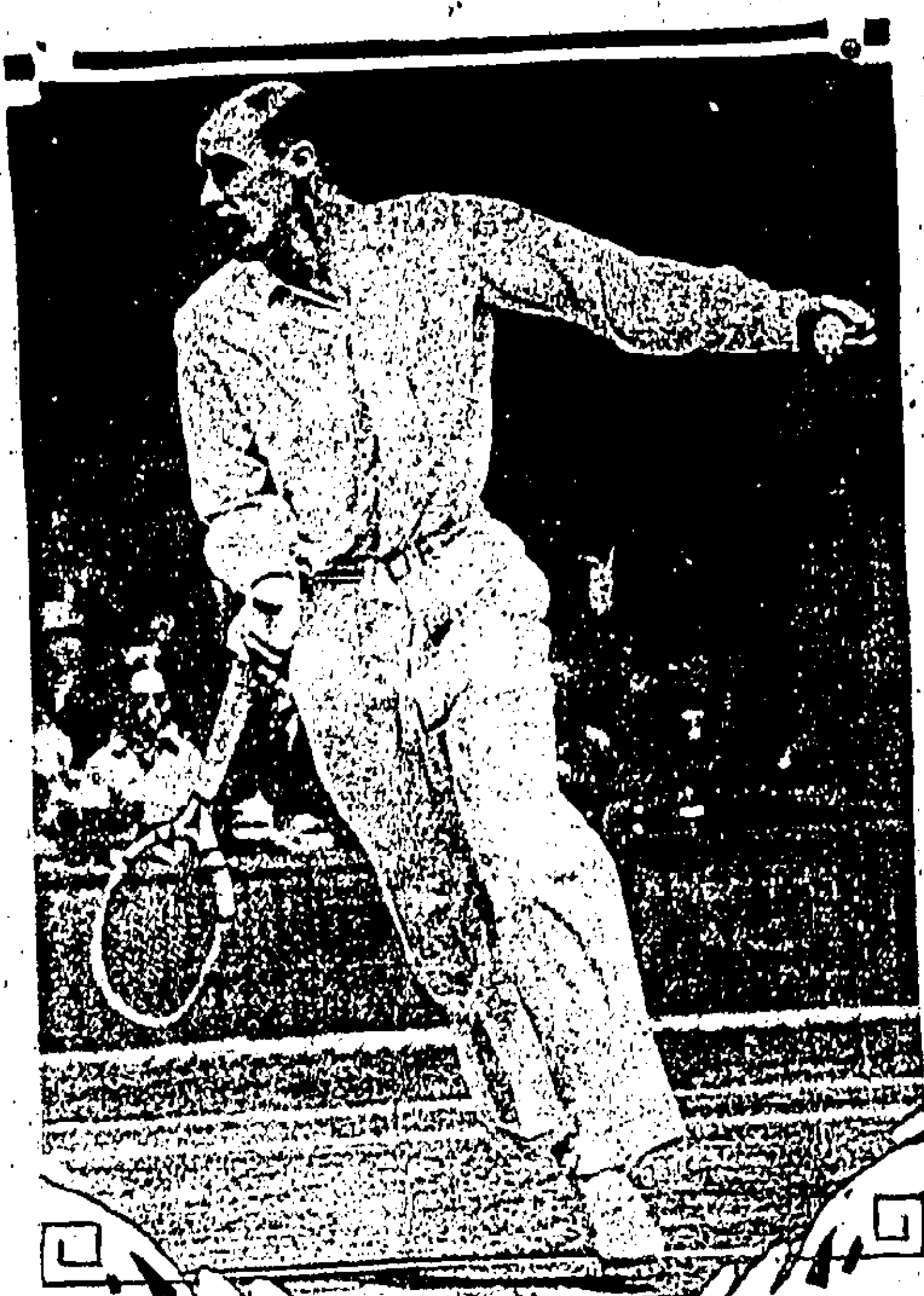
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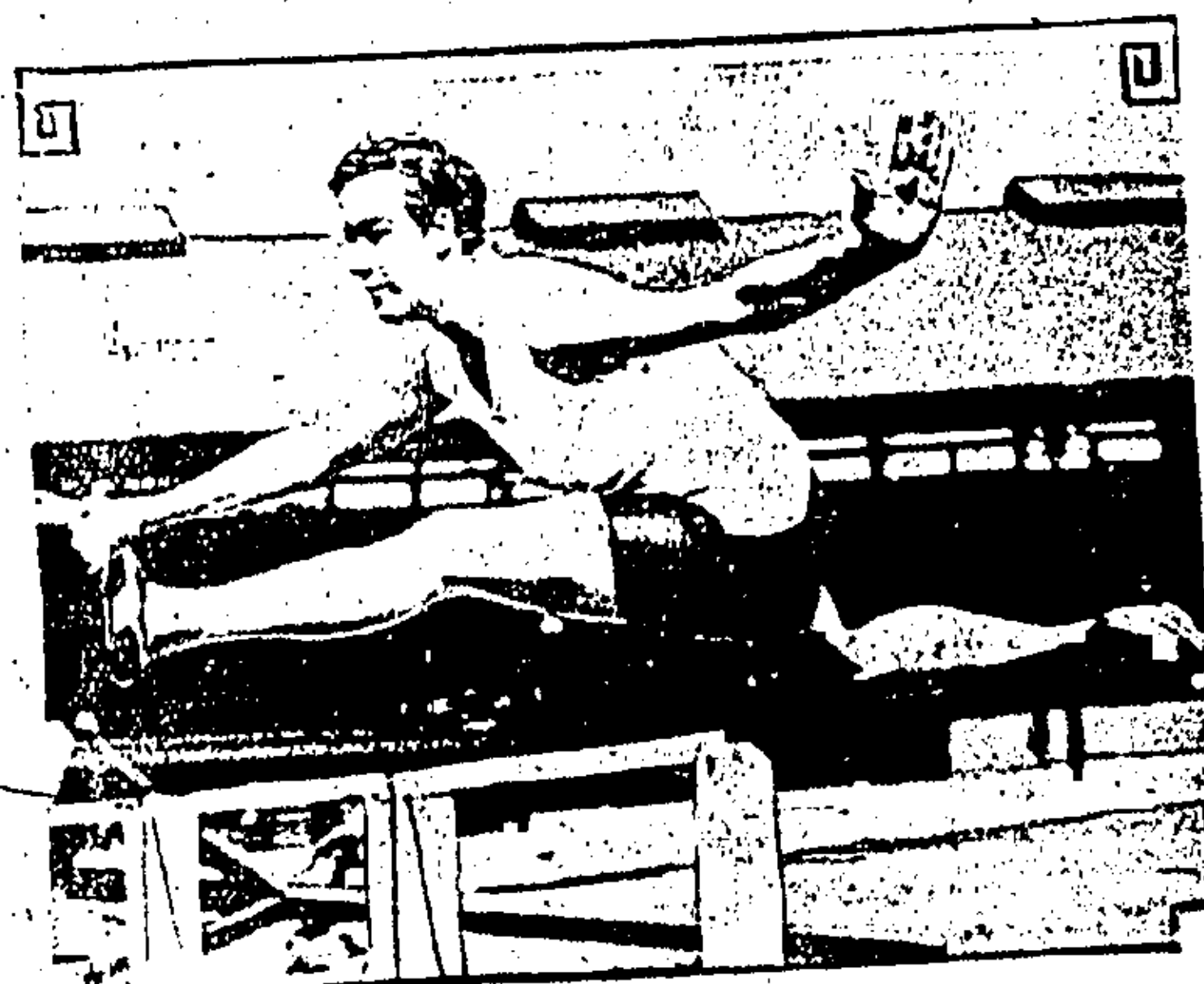
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Tilden in a Dramatic Comeback.



"Big Bill" Tilden, reinstated in the French Davis cup, defeated Rene Lacoste, in a stirring five-set duel. The scores were 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.

100-Yards Hurdles Record.



Miss M. Clark, fleet South African girl athlete, photographed in mid-air while breaking the world's record for the 100-yards hurdles at Stamford Bridge, England. She was a member of the British Olympic team.

New Secretary at His Desk.

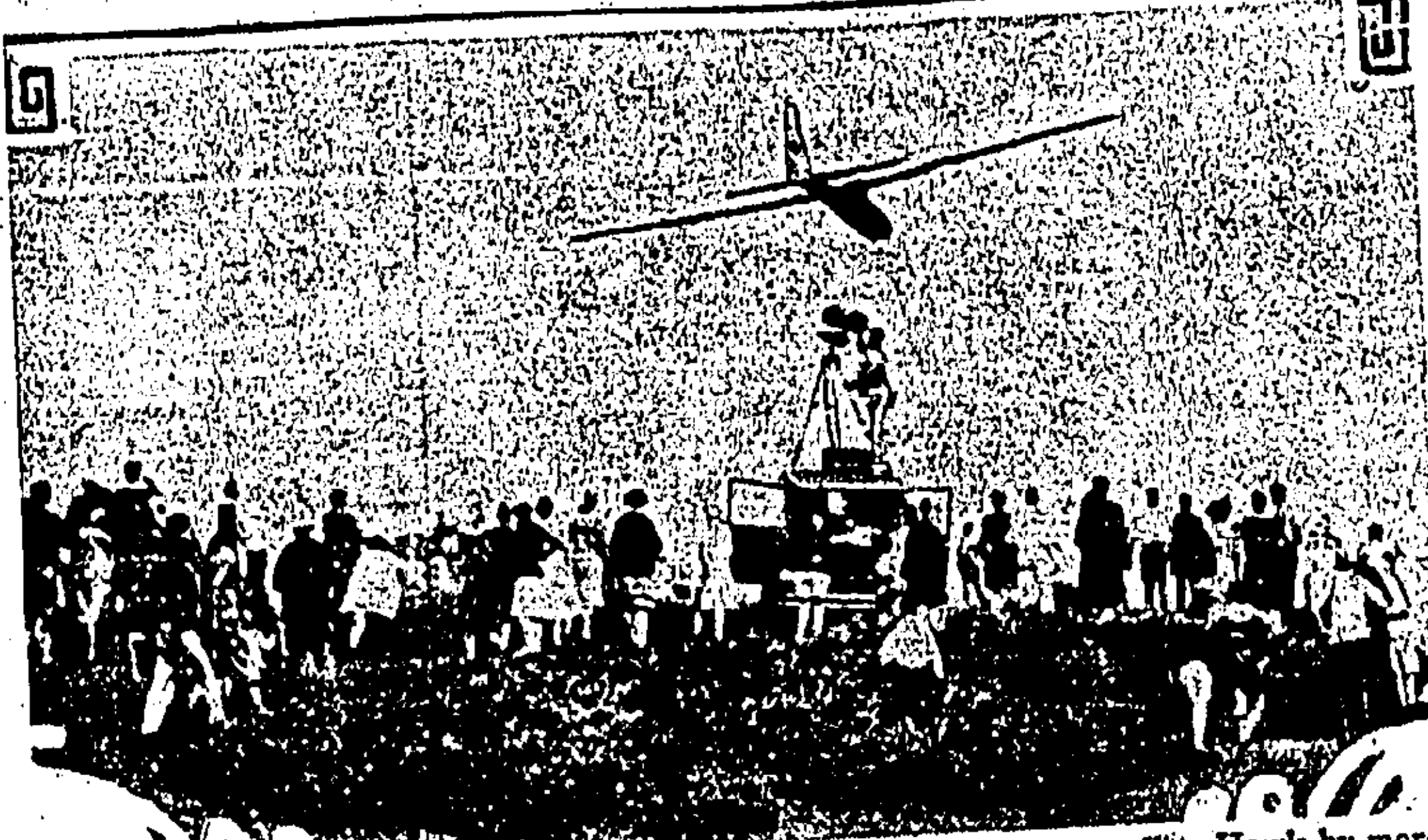


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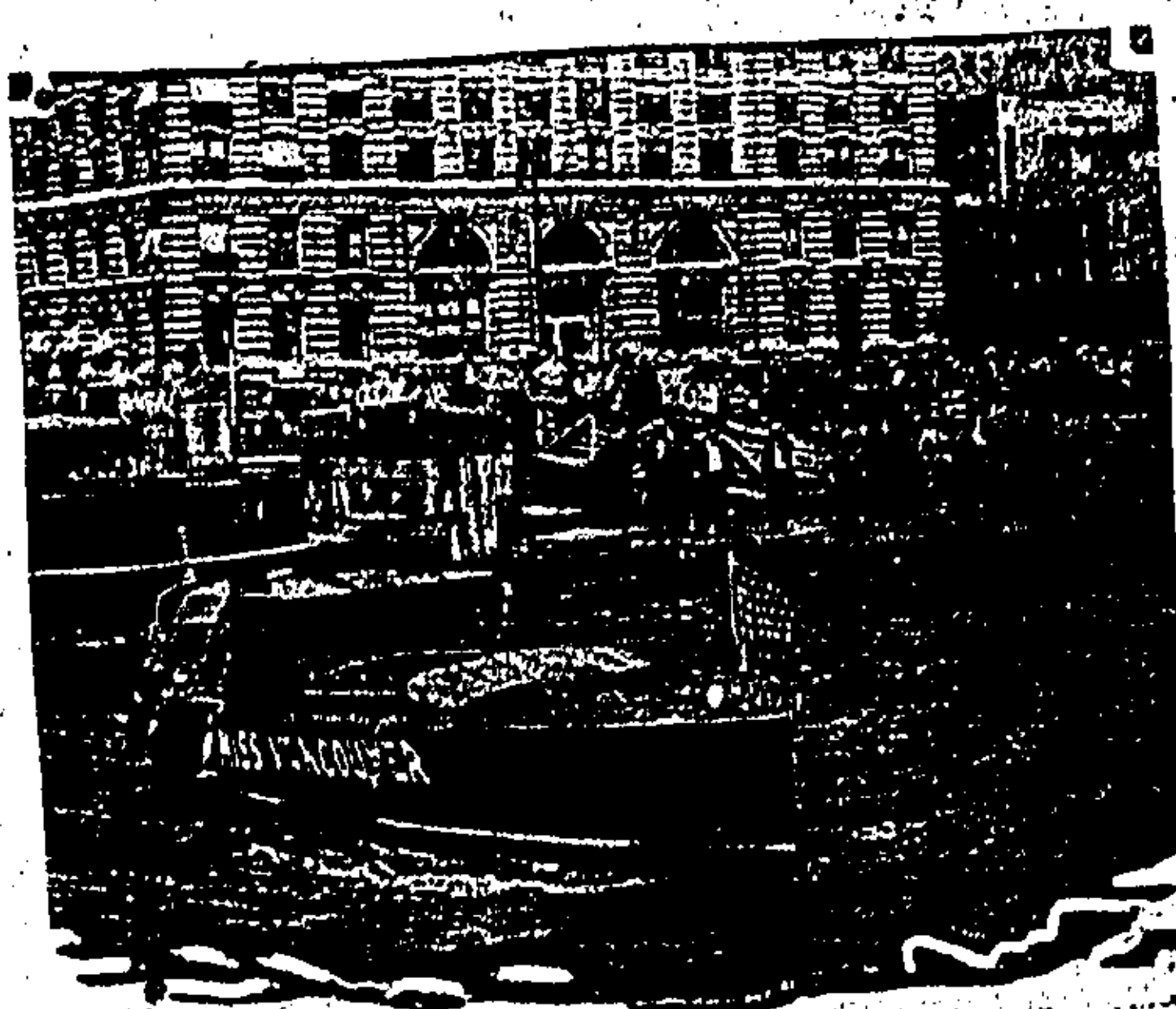
Peter Hesselbach, famous German pilot, is shown aloft over Highland Light, Cape Cod, in his Darmstadt glider. He remained in the air fifty-eight minutes, eclipsing the mark set by Orville Wright at Kitty Hawk by more than half an hour. Hesselbach holds the European gliding record with a mark of 14 hours 23 minutes.

This Doesn't Look So Easy.



You probably wouldn't care for this personally, but thirteen-year-old Dorothy Poynton thinks it is great sport. The little Pasadena athlete, youngest member of the U. S. woman's swimming team, is pictured above going through her fancy diving repertoire by means of a special harness. There isn't any tank.

Start of a Perilous Voyage.



The motor-boat "Miss Vancouver" with James McArthur and Sydney McQuillan aboard, is shown starting from the Battery, New York, on its way to Vancouver, B.C. The two venturesome sailors, members of the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, expect to average 20 miles an hour on the trip. They will follow the Atlantic coast, cross the Caribbean sea, pass through the Panama Canal and thence proceed up the Pacific coast.

Escape in Crack Up.



Bernard P. Gimbel (top) and Charles V. Bob (bottom), who, with J. I. Bush and Sam Prior, had a narrow squeak when the Fairchild monoplane in which they were flying over Speculator, N. Y., crashed in the trees. Pilot, Bill Winston's splendid airmanship is credited with saving the lives of his passengers.

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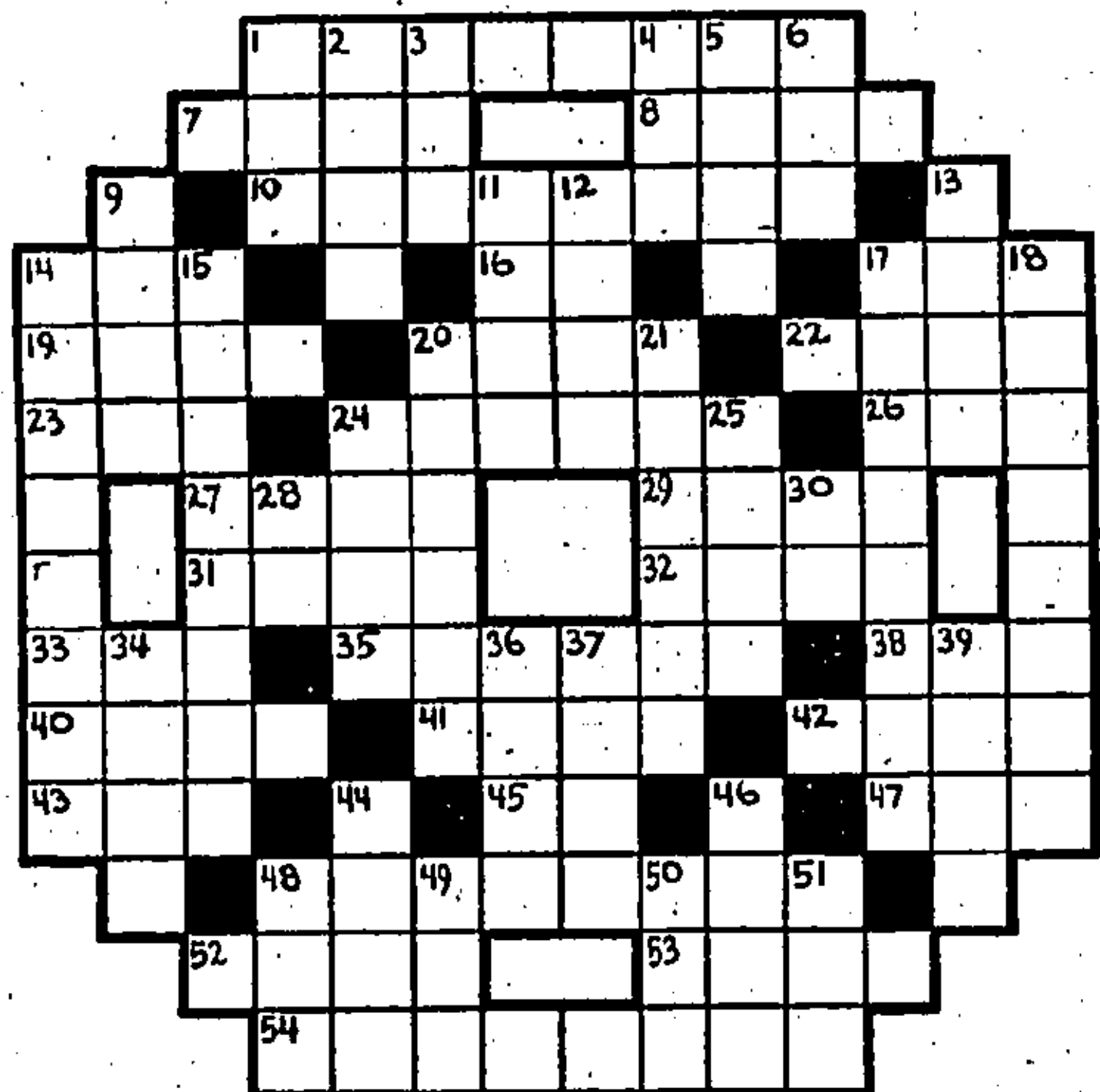
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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Belgian province containing Ghent
- 7-Sharp
- 8-Noose
- 10-Scene of Napoleon's defeat
- 14-Afternoon social function
- 16-Musical note
- 17-Dumbbell
- 18-Luxuriant in growth
- 20-Handful of hay
- 22-Agitate
- 23-Suffix meaning one who
- 24-Clock
- 26-Unit of French square measure
- 27-Rainbow
- 29-Affirm
- 31-Orient
- 32-Coin
- 33-Speak
- 35-One who puts to the proof
- 38-Latin for "lon"
- 40-Absent

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 41-Portal
- 42-Saucy
- 43-Member of a leading political party (abbr.)
- 45-Behold
- 47-Drunkard
- 48-Famous general
- 52-Wander
- 53-Dilatory
- 54-English poet

VERTICAL

- 1-Limited
- 2-King in Shakespeare
- 3-Insect
- 4-Unit of measure
- 5-House covering
- 6-Popular name for Saint Simeon
- 9-Big waves
- 11-Inland
- 12-Place
- 13-Two of a kind
- 14-West Indian island
- 15-Scene of Civil War battle

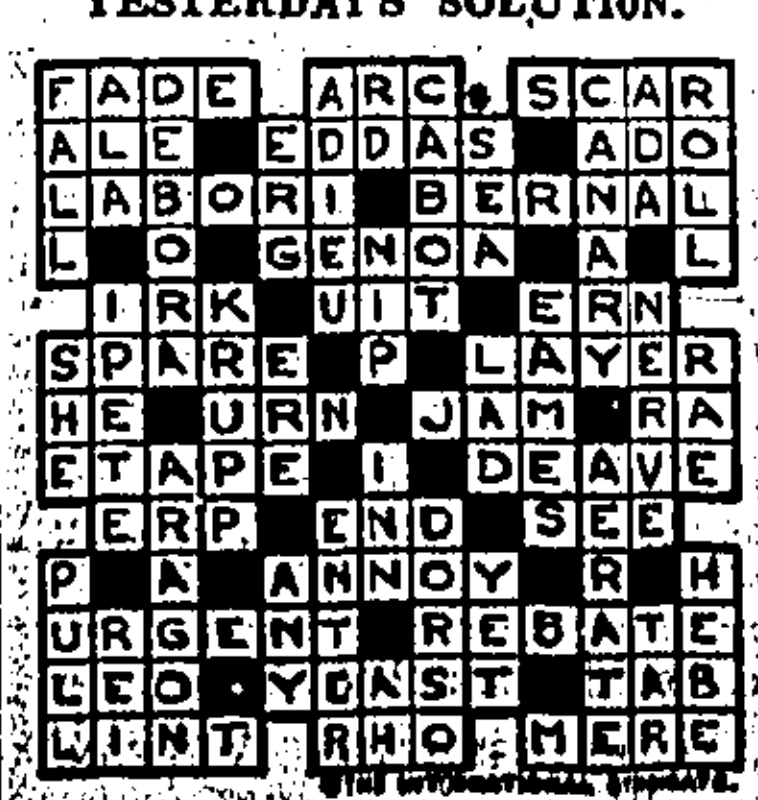
VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 17-Shocks
- 18-American historian
- 20-Squandered
- 21-Surface mineral deposit
- 24-Fog
- 25-Always
- 28-Egyptian god corresponding to the Greek Helios
- 30-Profess
- 34-Was indebted to
- 36-Musical piece for one performer
- 37-Implement
- 39-Greek god corresponding to the Roman Cupid
- 44-Large natural cavity
- 45-Outdoor game
- 48-Negative
- 49-That which is mightier than the sword
- 50-Feminine suffix
- 51-Prefix meaning not

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



NEW ZEALAND.

TUBERCULOSIS NOT A DANGER.

Wellington (N. Z.).—The Special Health Committee appointed to report on the treatment of tuberculosis states that investigations show that pulmonary tuberculosis in New Zealand does not constitute a grave national menace, and that the number of people who die of all forms of tuberculosis is less than those who are killed by violence. So far as can be ascertained, pulmonary tuberculosis is less prevalent in New Zealand than in any other country.

MR. J. MAXTON, M.P.

THE MAN WHO "LOOKS" REVOLUTION.

A STORMY PETROL.

[By Walter P. Foley.]

When the Coalition broke up in 1922 and the late Mr. Bonar Law went to the country with the word "Tranquillity" inscribed upon his standard the Labour Party received a considerable accession of strength, both in the number and the quality of the men returned. The most interesting group of recruits came from the Clyde. They were men who had preached a fiery doctrine of Socialism in the crowded poverty-stricken areas that lie around Glasgow. Some of them had been in prison for expressing their convictions. They were rebels to a man.

There was the redoubtable Mr. David Kirkwood, who spoke in tones of thunder, but with so broad a Doric that many of his threats were unintelligible to the men from the south. There was Mr. Campbell Stephen, a burly Christian with the chin of a prize-fighter. There was Mr. John Wheatley, suave and subtle, but speaking now with polished diction. There was Mr. "Geordie" Buchanan, forty years old, but strangely boyish in appearance, passing swiftly from moods of disarming gentleness to shrewish anger. And last of all this group, and in appearance the most picturesque of all, was Mr. James Maxton, the member for Bridgeton.

LOOKED "THE GOODS."

Even to the most superficial observer "Jimmie Maxton" was "the goods." Other men might talk of revolution, but "Jimmie" looked it. It seemed as though Westminster was faced with the incarnation of the French Revolution. A lean, fragile figure that bends forward when he speaks so that the head protrudes with a strange effect of intensity, lank black hair that falls in a heavy wisp over the right ear, sunken cheeks, a swarthy complexion, and brilliant eyes; such is Mr. Maxton.

It was a fierce uncompromising doctrine of Socialism that he enunciated. He became quickly the central figure in stormy scenes. He and his friends from the Clyde formed a little disciplined band who struck a discordant note on the Labour Benches and imparted a touch of colour to a drab scene. While the Labour Government was in office, Mr. Maxton and his friends played the part of the "men of the mountain" in the French Revolution, constantly watching and girding at the "Girondins" on the Front Bench. And in the end it was the "Mountain" that sent the "Girondins" not to the guillotine as in the Revolution, but to an electoral debacle.

In Parliament such as the present, consisting of an overwhelming Conservative majority, it would not be surprising if Mr. Maxton was one of the best hated figures. But the very reverse is the case. Mr. Maxton has won the respect and friendship of men in all parties. He is a strange paradox, a zealot with a sense of humour. He has charm, a pleasant voice, and a clear style of diction which in moments of passion rises to eloquence. The saturnine face as he speaks is lit up with a glow almost of inspiration; he wields with a delicate touch the potent weapon of pathos.

YOUTH AND CONVICTION.

The House of Commons has had a mellowing influence on Mr. Maxton. It has softened the harshness of his judgments without undermining the bases of his principles. His experiences during the war, when he served a year's imprisonment for a speech on Glasgow Green, might well have permanently embittered his outlook. In the loss of his wife a few years ago he had his share of personal sorrow, which is often the other side to the brilliant shield which the public man presents to the outside world. But nothing has been able to impair his warm humanity. His fundamental geniality "comes breaking in."

Socialism is for him still a living reality and not, as in George Meredith's phrase, a "slow-stepping Liberalism." Little more than forty years of age, he is still politically a young man; the same age as Joseph Chamberlain was when he launched the unauthorized programme in the 'eighties. It may be asked whether he has staying power and constructive gifts. The impression he conveys is one of physical fragility, while the best that may be said of his new ally, Mr. Cook, is that he has a genius for defeat.

A SCHOOLMASTER'S DILEMMA.

But at the same time Mr. Maxton represents the more militant section of his party who are growing increasingly impatient of vague nebulosities such as the "inevitability of gradualness." The son of a schoolmaster and once a schoolmaster himself, Mr. Maxton has an unwearying passion for teaching. But the successful schoolmaster must bring his text books up to date. And there comes the dilemma. If he does this he must follow his leader along an undramatic road; if he fails he will get the limelight and the drama, but the illumination will be a baleful gleam and the drama may well lead to the disruption of his party. To the student of politics the future of Mr. Maxton is a fascinating topic.

The value of the potato crop exported from Jersey in the 1928 season was £200,000 less than last year, though the weight was 8,000 tons more.

SPEECH DAYS.

MASTERS WHO ARE UNDERPAID.

LORD RIDDELL'S VIEW.

Founders' Day at Epsom College this year was notable as marking the half-way point between the jubilee and the centenary of the school's foundation.

The main item which remains to complete the Council's present scheme of progress is the building of the new school sanatorium at a cost of £30,000. By this means Epsom College will have the finest school sanatorium, and at the same time will be able to utilise the present one as an additional house to bring the number up to eight, so that Epsom, like Winchester, will have 400 boarders in eight houses, of fifty boys each.

The headmaster, Mr. A. C. Powell, in presenting the report for the year, said that of eighty-seven boys who this year had entered for it, seventy-six had gained the school certificate, eight with honours; forty-two had secured the matriculation certificate, and sixty-three had obtained individual distinctions. The school was grateful to St. Thomas Hospital for the resuscitation of their Epsom scholarship of the value of £200, and to Charing Cross Hospital for a new Epsom scholarship of £100.

Lord Riddell, in presenting the prizes, said he had long held the opinion that schoolmasters had been very badly paid, although, as a matter of insurance, they should be properly paid because upon them depended the future of the race. Upon them depended whether they were going to have a happy and contented people or a disgruntled people. He believed the young scholars of the present day to be superior to those of any previous generation. They were stronger, healthier, and more acute in intellect. Lord Riddell disagreed with those who said that the rising generation were inferior to their forefathers.

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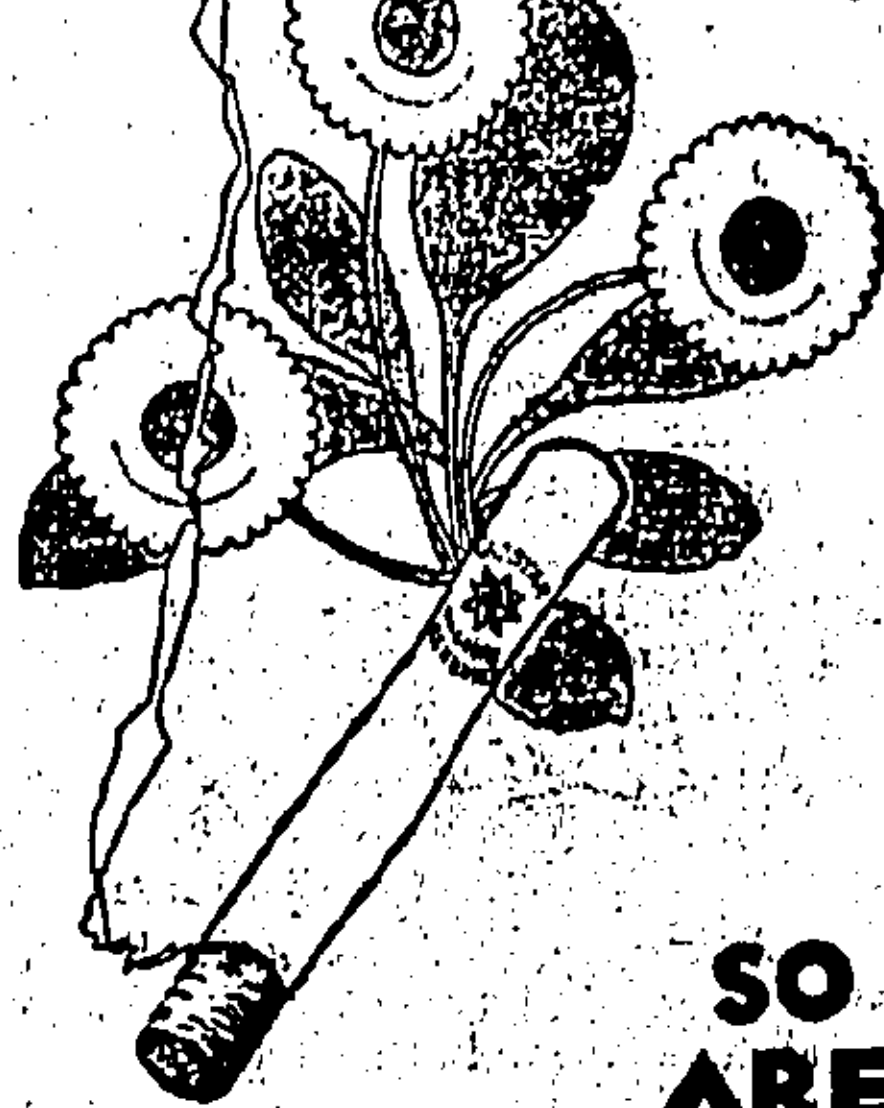
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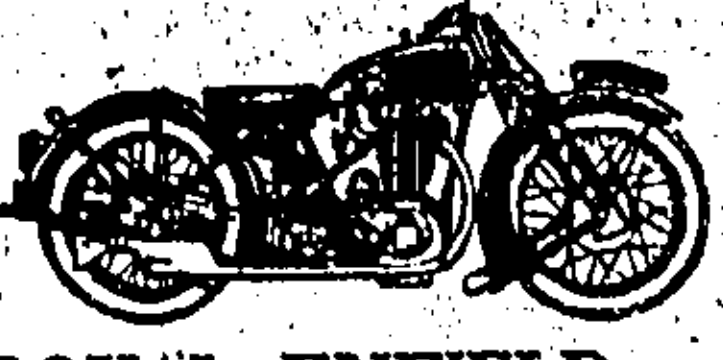


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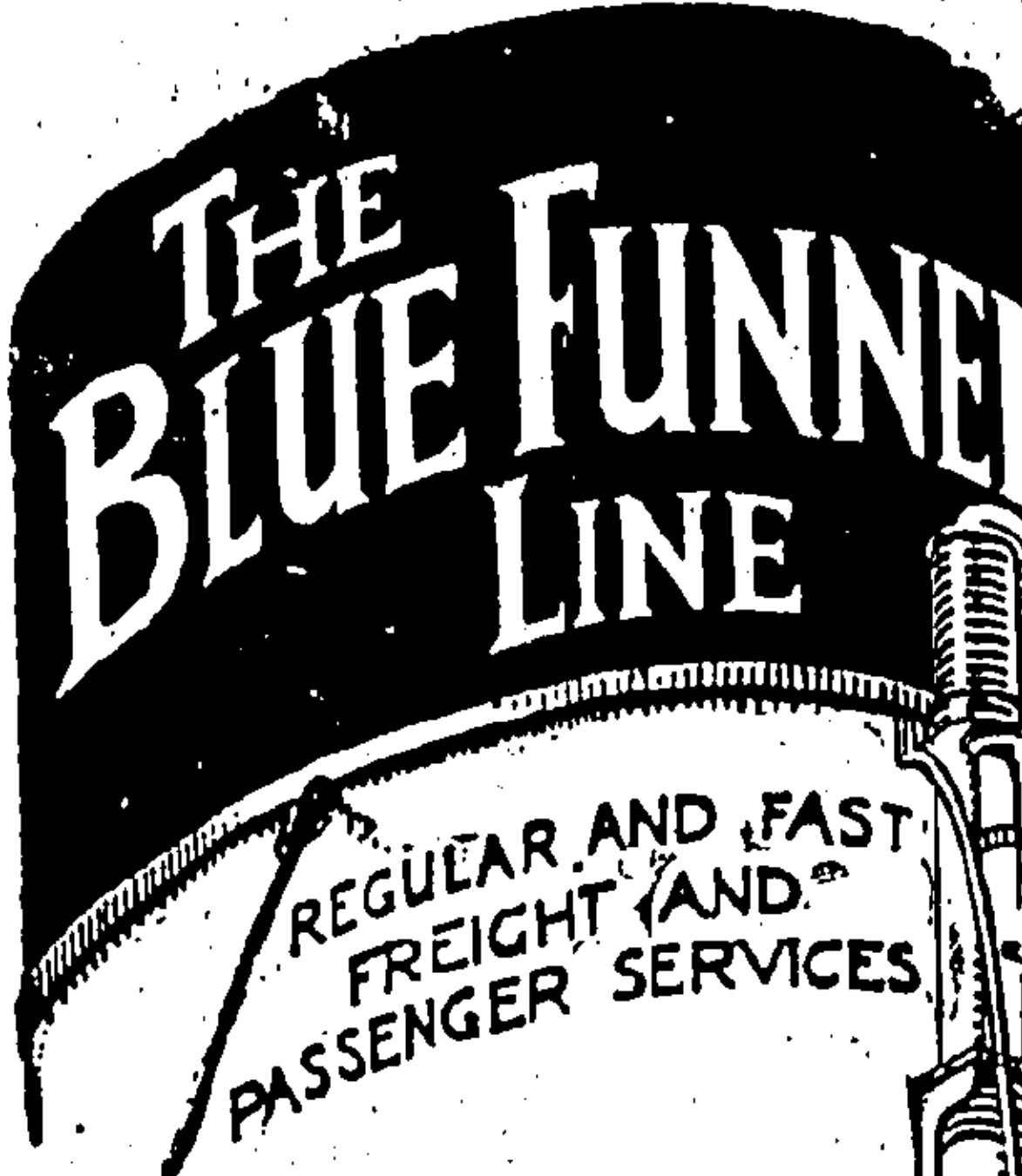
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The Hong Kong Postal Guide for 1928 is now on sale at the General Post Office and Kowloon Post Office at the price of 50 cents a copy.
The afternoon mail service to Macao has been resumed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	
Amoy and Swatow	Wednesday, August 29.	Van Heutz
Shanghai and Swatow	Thursday, August 30.	Soochow
Shanghai and Amoy	Friday, August 31.	Luchow
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers, London 2nd Aug. and parcels 26th July)	Friday, August 31.	Kashgar
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Sunday, September 2.	Nalders
Straits	Sunday, September 2.	Hakozaki Maru
Straits	Monday, September 3.	Nagore
Australia and Manila	Monday, September 3.	St. Albans
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Monday, September 3.	Empress of Asia

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	
Amoy	Wednesday, August 29.	Hupoh 4.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Wednesday, August 29.	Kongling 4.30 p.m.
Japan	Thursday, August 30.	Cambada 5 p.m.
Swatow	Thursday, August 30.	Lee Chong 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard, *Hohow, Pakhoi and	Thursday, August 30.	Tean 8.30 a.m.
*Halphong	Thursday, August 30.	Menado Maru 8.30 a.m.
Hohow and Halphong	Thursday, August 30.	Van Heutz 10.30 a.m.
Straits	Friday, August 31.	Wing On 2.15 p.m.
Macao	Friday, August 31.	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Friday, August 31.	Clara Jensen 4.30 p.m.
Salon	Friday, August 31.	Kashgar 5 p.m.
Japan	Friday, August 31.	Kashgar 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Friday, August 31.	Kashgar 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Saturday, September 1.	Halvard Noon
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and	Saturday, September 1.	Wing On 2.15 p.m.
New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 16th Sept. Parcels Noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	Saturday, September 1.	Tanda 2.15 p.m.
Macao	Saturday, September 1.	Wing On 2.15 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 28th Sept. K.P.O. Parcels 4.30 p.m. Registration (Sept. 1st) 9 a.m. Letters (Sept. 1st) 10 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (Sept. 1st) 9.45 a.m. Letters (Sept. 1st) 10.30 a.m.	Sunday, September 2.	Nalders 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Sunday, September 2.	Kahu Maru 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Sunday, September 2.	Kaying 9 a.m.

IS PRICE OF TEA TOO HIGH?

YES AND NO.

LADY MAYOR OF DEPTFORD FAVOURS REDUCTION.
RETAILERS' OPPOSITION.

London, Yesterday.
The suggestion that in view of the statement that there are 30,000,000 more pounds of tea in Britain than there was a year ago, tea prices are too high is denied by the director of one of the biggest packing houses of London. He said that he did not know of any profiteering in the tea trade and that the profit on tea was smaller than on any other domestic article. Before the markets broke early in Spring they were selling tea to the public at a price below that at which they could buy it.
Mrs. Drapper, the lady mayor of Deptford, who is a member of the Food Council, however, is of opinion that tea prices should be reduced, otherwise she proposes to raise the question at the Council, which previously was of opinion that the profit on retail tea by distributing companies might well form the subject of inquiry.
Tea officials of three of the leading retail tea firms in London have stated that there was no intention of making any reduction.—Reuter.

CONFIRMED.

ROPE CO'S ARTICLES ALTERED.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.
In the Board Room of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., St. George's Building, this morning, an extraordinary general meeting of members of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited, was held for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of an extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on August 18, and of confirming a special resolution which was then passed.
The resolution was as follows:—
"That the regulations contained in the Printed Document submitted to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof."
This morning's meeting was presided over by Mr. R. G. Shewan, who was supported by the following members of the Consulting Committee: Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. J. H. Taggart, and Mr. A. H. White, and Mr. J. Coulthart (Secretary).
Shareholders present were Messrs. A. L. Shields, I. W. Shewan, H. Dreyer, J. Dick, W. Lawson, Allan Keith, J. Toppin, F. J. Tavares, C. H. Osmond and A. A. Botelho.
After the Secretary had read the report of the proceedings of the previous meeting which was duly signed by the Chairman, Mr. Coulthart read the notice convening the meeting, after which the Chairman proposed the confirmation of the resolution as a special resolution.

Mr. J. H. Taggart seconded, and the proposal was carried unanimously.
This concluded the business of the meeting.
A copy of the New Articles is open to the inspection of the Members of the Company at the office of Shewan, Tomes and Co., St. George's Building.

"STREET SACRIFICES"

A comment in the "China Mail" leading article yesterday, entitled "Street Sacrifices" was realised yesterday when a boy, scrambling for money on the ground, evidently neglected the passing of motor traffic, and was injured.
According to Chan Pu, a bus driver of the China Bus Company, who was driving along Shanghai street, Yau-mat, towards Sham-shu-po, a crowd of boys were picking up copper cents thrown to them, when a boy suddenly dashed out of the road. In order to avoid accident, Chan Pu swerved, but the bus skidded, injuring the boy's ankle.
The injured youth is now in the Kowloon Hospital. He is 13 years of age and lives at No. 888 Port-lane street.

"SUFFRAGETTES" AND THE PACT.

WHAT WOMEN WANT

A PETITION FOR THE PLENIPOTENTIARIES.
SCENE NEAR PARIS.

Paris, Yesterday.
Two determined women are at present in Paris for the purpose of getting the international delegates, who are here for the signing of the Kellogg Pact, to accept a "treaty for establishing the equal rights of women throughout the world." They are Viscountess Rhonda and Miss Doris Stevens, Presidents of the Committee of International Action and of the National Women's Party of the United States.
According to the "New York Herald" Paris edition, Mrs. Kellogg stigmatises the presence of this feminist committee in Paris at the time of signing the pact as "inopportune and out of place." I know my husband agrees with me that these women have taken an unfair advantage of the situation." On the other hand Miss Stevens in an interview declares that Mr. Kellogg has promised to receive the committee.
SUFFRAGETTES' CAMPAIGN.
Later.

The inhabitants of Rambouillet formed a guard of honour for the Peace Pact delegates on their arrival at the chateau as guests at a luncheon by Pres. Doumergue.
The harmony of the proceedings was threatened and marred by a demonstration of "suffragettes," commissioned by the "Committee of International Action" and the National Women's Party of the United States (of which Viscountess Rhonda and the American, Doris Stevens, respectively, were organisers) to present a petition asking the plenipotentiaries to support a pact of equal rights for men and women.

Finding the entrance barred, the delegation asked the gendarmes to hand Pres. Doumergue the address.
Four of the women who were particularly insistent, endeavoured to force their way to the chateau and were politely escorted to the Mayoralty where they were detained for 3½ hours till Pres. Doumergue's guests had departed. It was not a matter of "duration" however for they were supplied with lunch in the shape of sandwiches, mineral waters and beer.

MISS STEVENS' VIEWS.

Doris Stevens, to Reuter's correspondent stated that Viscountess Rhonda did not accompany the delegation to Rambouillet. The police tore up the note which the delegation had asked them to convey to Pres. Doumergue. A second attempt was made, through a concierge, to convey a note which begged Pres. Doumergue to permit his guests to come out for ten minutes to hear the women's request.

Miss Stevens expressed the opinion that anyone is entitled to petition the President of any Republic, and she emphasised that this was all the women wished to do.

WILL U.S. SENATE RATIFY?

Washington, Yesterday.
Although Mr. Kellogg in Paris, declined to forecast the Senate's attitude towards the Pact, it is generally expected here that the Senate will ratify it by a safe majority, if no political storm breaks. The Presidential Election will be over when the Pact comes before the Senate, which will remove it from "partisan" politics. The fact that the Pact imposes no obligations upon the United States other than the renunciation of war, is like to induce the Senate to ratify. An interesting question is whether the opponents of the naval building programme will use the Pact to reinforce their arguments, and there is evidence that some of the members of the administration are finding it difficult to reconcile the Pact with their request for more ships.

PRESS COMMENT.

New York, Yesterday.
The conspicuous absence of the violent difference of opinion which marked the signing of the Versailles Treaty is commented on by the American Press throughout the

THE BIRTHRATE OF ENGLAND.

AN INCREASE.

FIRST FAVOURABLE FIGURES SINCE 1920.
MARRIAGE STATISTICS.

London, Yesterday.
For the first time since 1920, the birthrate for the second quarter of the year showed an increase over the corresponding period of the previous year. The birthrate for 1927 was 16.6 per 1,000 of the population, which is the lowest recorded since civil registration began.
For the second quarter of this year the rate was 17.5. There was also a slight increase in the first quarter.
The Registrar-General, however, points out that the figures do not definitely indicate an alteration in the downward tendency of the birthrate as the increase might be due to the unusually large number of marriages in 1927.
Marriages in the first quarter of this year showed a decline compared with the corresponding quarter of last year.
The death rate for the first half of this year shows a decline, being 12.9 per 1,000 of the population compared with 14.2 in the first half of last year.—British Wireless Service.

country, which praises the step taken at Paris yesterday.

Stressing the "moral obligation" of the United States under the Pact, the "New York World" says that in signing the treaty the Governments concerned, and particularly the United States, have put themselves in a position where they cannot fail without exposing themselves to a charge of insincerity. They must use their whole influence in persistently building up the authority of all the existing machinery for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

The "New York Times" says that the Treaty embodies a moral pledge against indifference, while the "Philadelphia Inquirer" considers that the Treaty will help to dispel suspicion. The "Washington Post" says there appears to be no reason why the Senate should not approve the Pact.

A mixed reception is given the Kellogg Pact by the Continental Press. "Good seed that ought to produce good fruit" is the comment of the Parisian newspaper "Homme Libre."

"Le Matin" points out that this is the first peace treaty concluded in the World's history without war immediately preceding it.

It is noteworthy that the Polish newspapers, according to a Warsaw message, are especially gratified because they claim that the Pact now signed is a similar proposal to that submitted by the Polish delegation at Geneva last year; and, in signing it, Germany forswears for ever any idea forcibly to rearrange her eastern frontier.

On the contrary, the Italian and German press is cynical and sarcastic.

The Rome "Tribuna" says the Pact "won't for long illumine the pages of history" but that the responsibility for this, however, will not be Italy's but the major signatories who "prepared" by the ceremony in Paris a welter of trouble and bitter suspicion under a cloak of fine words. The Peace Pact will further consolidate America's aloofness towards the League of Nations.

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"Nearly like Hollywood" are the ironical headings in the German "Nationalist Press," and their comments are couched in a similar tone of mistrust and sarcasm. Particular emphasis is laid upon the fact that there is no sign of general disarmament after the ceremony at Paris nor of the Anglo-French troops evacuating German territory. The "left" journals, on the contrary, stress the moral importance and significance of the signing in greatly increasing the chance of a continuance of peace.—Reuter.

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